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Concerns on event are aired by mayor

BLACK Country Day celebrations have been criticised by Walsall's mayor, who fears the concept is being used to bring in one council responsible for the whole region.

Councillor Pete Smith said he was concerned there was a 'hidden agenda' with the event.

Dozens of events across the whole of the area pulled in huge crowds throughout the weekend and on Monday as local celebrities helped mark a celebration of what makes the region's towns great.

But Councillor Smith says he does not believe the concept of the Black Country is relevant today.

The Democratic Labour councillor said: "I have got some serious reservations about this and I think there could be a hidden agenda.

"I'm a bit worried that there is someone in a back room looking at how this can lead to a council for the Black Country area. I'm not too keen about the actual description 'Black Country'.

"I know it dates back to the industrial days but I don't know how relevant it is now.

"I am raising this as a concerned local councillor rather than as the Mayor of Walsall."

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Raids reveal drug plants

MORE than 500 cannabis plants were recovered by police following raids on two Walsall addresses.

The drugs factories were unearthed by officers who issued search warrants in Kingsley Street and Darlston Road, Pleck, with raids carried out at just before 7am on Monday. In total 526 plants were seized.

West Midlands Police spokeswoman Joanne Hunt said two people had been arrested. A cannabis factory was found in Lord Street, Palfrey, last month.

COLLEGE PLAN FOR NEW BASE

Report by Lisa O'Brien

A MULTI-MILLION pound school specialising in engineering will relocate to a new base in Walsall in 2016, under latest plans revealed this week.

The Black Country University Technical College (UTC), which opened in September 2011, is to move to a former car repair shop next to Walsall College's £64m Wisemore Campus.

Councillor in vow on green belt

A COUNCILLOR has vowed to do all she can to protect green belt land near homes after the last remaining pub serving an estate was put up for sale.

Marston's has accepted an offer for The Sneyd, in Vernon Way, on the Bloxwich-Willenhall border.

Bloxwich West representative Councillor Louise Harrison said she would not support any planning application that would see the loss of what is the last pub on the Mossley estate nearby. "The area the pub is built on is green belt land and I would do everything I can to protect all green belt land in the area," Councillor Harrison said.

The Leathern Bottle, in Cresswell Crescent, Mossley, is earmarked for demolition to make way for a new pub, retail and residential complex under proposals revealed two years ago. While a third pub The Eagle has also shut down.

The empty building will be refurbished as part of the £6m plans and an extension would be built to allow the school to cater for up to 480 pupils aged from 14 to 19.

Up to 300 students are expected to make the move to the site, off Portland Street, from April 2016 after bosses said the current site in Vernon Way, Bloxwich, was too restrictive.

The current school building, based at the site of the former Sneyd Community School, is currently leased from Walsall Council and would be handed back to the local authority.

Bosses say the new town centre location would make the facility more accessible to students and will provide state-of-the-art facilities.

Henriette Harnisch, chair of governors at the Black Country UTC, which is sponsored by Walsall College and the University of Wolverhampton, said the current site in Bloxwich had proved challenging for recruitment due to its location and restricted public transport links.

The move means that long-standing plans to expand on the current site which would have also seen another college, the West Midlands Construction UTC move there have been abandoned.

Alan's purple prose for Maureen



Gardener Maureen Allen with her charity fund-raising garden, which is being featured in a TV show

FOR years visitors have been praising Maureen Allen's gardening skills – but getting compliments from Alan Titchmarsh is a different matter altogether.

Mrs Allen has been opening her garden in Pleck, Walsall to the public for charity for 15 years.

And now she has been hand-picked to appear on Mr Titchmarsh's latest show Britain's Best Gardens.

She was among 30 chosen from about 400 hopefuls put forward by the National Gardens Scheme, which she has been a member of for 20 years.

With help from her 68-year-old husband Howard, Mrs Allen, 66, spends hours crafting her immaculate garden ready for visitors each summer to raise cash for good causes.

Mr Titchmarsh said he was im-

pressed with the design and craft skills she had shown – and was amazed she had no formal training.

He has travelled the country looking for 'hidden gems' and chose to visit Mrs Allen's home himself.

Mrs Allen, a retired care worker, said: "He was lovely. I was quite nervous but I soon forgot the cameras were there and it was just like talking to a neighbour."

"The producers said he had chosen our garden, and that he didn't go to every one but he wanted to visit ours."

The star of Ground Force praised the way the grandmother-of-three had shaped her borders and the mix of colours she used at the garden in St John's Road. The show is expected to be screened on ITV next year.



Maureen Allen with Alan Titchmarsh after he filmed a new programme

Start date on elderly patients' beds bid

A MOVE to put elderly patients discharged from hospital in Walsall into care home beds could be introduced by next March, as part of a shake-up.

A discharge unit at Walsall Manor is currently used for frail patients who have a lengthy rehabilitation ahead of them. But bosses admit it is becoming 'more like a hospital ward' as the hospital gets busier and A&E admissions soar.

They are now proposing housing the facility in a care home, or spreading the beds across a number of homes.

The plans are being discussed by the council's health scrutiny committee today, Thursday.

And a report reveals that the new locations could be chosen by October, with the unit being vacated by March next year. The 34-bed Swift Discharge Unit has been in place since 2011 in the Manor's modular block.

Bosses say it is intended to 'provide somewhere for these patients to be able to leave the hospital and transfer to more of a care home setting, so as to be able to prepare to return home, or to make a decision about a permanent move to a care home'.

A new location has not yet been chosen but bosses say the move would improve the care patients receive.

Arboretum classic cars

MORE than 400 vehicles will go on display at Walsall Arboretum during an annual show in its 24th year. The Classic Car and Transport Show on July 27 is organised through Walsall-based Transtar Promotions.

Cars from the 1930s will include Hillman, MG and Buick, while the 1950s will be represented by the Ford Pilot and Austin A30.

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Bridge fence move to stop jobs

A FENCE will be built on a bridge to stop bricks being hurled onto cars below amid fears drivers could be seriously hurt.

Cars and buses have been damaged by yobbs who gather on the Fordbrook railway bridge in Pelsall.

And now community leaders and the bridge owners have come up with a plan they they hope will finally solve the problem.

Dents have been left in cars and windscreens have even been smashed in a spate of incidents.

Now bridge owners Sustrans have agreed to fund a wire mesh fence.

Ranjit Kaur, the council's area manager for Brownhills, Rushall, Shelfield and Pelsall, said: "Young people have been throwing objects from the bridge onto on-coming traffic. Following a site visit, a further meeting was held with partners to move forward with an amicable solution.

"A way forward has been agreed with Sustrans, that partners feel would help alleviate the problems. The proposal put forward was weld mesh fence that would blend in with the surrounding area and would enclose all accesses to the side of the bridge on both sides. Access for wheelchairs/pushchairs, etc, would not be affected."

The council's area partnership will also contribute towards the cost. Ward councillor Gary Perry said: "There has been damage caused to cars, but ultimately one of these days it could be much more serious. The people doing this need to think, this could be their relatives driving past."

School admissions service may be cut

A SERVICE that deals with pupils' applications for school places could be cut back after costs rocketed, it was revealed.

The admissions service in Walsall has been funded by the borough council for the last year after a private contract ended. But bosses say they have realised that the running costs are around 50 per cent higher than they were actually paying.

Fire breaks out at home in revamp

A FIRE broke out in a bedroom of a house that was being renovated – but no-one was there when firefighters arrived.

Crews say the blaze in Arden Road, Bloxwich may have been started accidentally by a discarded cigarette.

But it looked like no-one had lived there recently and the property was empty when they turned up.

Neighbours said that nobody had been seen there at the property for at least a week.

The first floor bedroom of the semi detached house was badly damaged in the fire.

Crews stopped the blaze from spreading to other rooms using two hose reel jets.

Neighbours raised the alarm at about 4pm yesterday.

Bloxwich watch commander Simon Shakespeare said: "It looks like there hasn't been anyone living there for a while.

"There was no evidence if a break-in but someone must have been there beforehand.

"It looks accidental but as no-one was there when we arrived its difficult to know."

Now they have to work out how to find the extra cash – or face reducing the service. School leaders from across the borough want to get permission to use more of a Government grant to fund the shortfall.

But regulations prevent them from budgeting any more for the service than they did the previous year.

In total the service will cost £362,000 for 2014/15, compared to £240,000 over the previous 12 months.

The council's schools forum – a body of heads and governors from across Walsall – has decided to attempt to get the budget increased.

But they admit a 'robust case would need to be made'.

A report to the forum adds: "This would need to explain why it is not possible to make the efficiencies within central budgets which would be expected from a flat cash settlement and which are being made within non-schools budget."

The report adds: "The schools admission service in Walsall was previously part of the outsourced education contract. In the final year of the Serco contract the cost of the service was established as £240,839.

"The problem with using this information is that the Serco contract was a fixed price contract. In essence, the price paid was not necessarily the cost of the service."

Parents apply to the admissions service by expressing a preference for three primary schools, and for up to five secondary schools.

High hopes for karate kid



Pavaneet Dhami, aged 13, from Willenhall and her Sensei Steve O'Gara

TEENAGER Pavaneet Dhami is getting a real kick out of life after being selected for the England Wadokai Karate team.

The Wolverhampton Girls High School pupil has been chosen to represent the nation in the European Championships which take place a month after her 14th birthday on November 1 and 2.

Pav from Willenhall, who took up the sport at the age of five, will be competing in the 13-15 year age category in the event. She will also be following in the footsteps of Steve O'Gara, the 30-year-old who coaches her at the Willenhall Karate Academy.

He is the current European veteran champion and a former champion of both Britain and England. Pav, who trains between 15 and 20 hours a week, said: "I first started karate at the age of five because my mum and dad thought it would be good if I learned some self-defence and got fit. Gradually I started training more and more and now I love it."

She will not have to travel too far for the European Championships which this year are being held in Reading.

Steve said: "It was my ambition to train somebody to follow me into the England team and now I am delighted that I have done it."

Lorenzo system glitches carry on

PROBLEMS with a new hospital computer system that was supposed to make it easier to process patient information are continuing, bosses have admitted.

But they say 25 temporary workers taken on at Walsall Manor Hospital at a cost of £100,000 are helping to tackle the issues.

Their contracts are already being extended beyond the initial three months – and bosses admit they are struggling to get back to 'business as usual'.

Staff complained that the new Lorenzo system actually slowed them down, and left them struggling to fit all their work into their day, fearing it could lead to mistakes in booking appointments and clinics.

Twelve projects have been launched to solve issues with the system.

The new system will eventually mean the removal of the need for staff to physically retrieve paper files from storage rooms.

A report by Steve Darkes, director of informatics, says: "A number of issues have arisen as part of the implementation that the trust needs to get on top of."

Alert over M'way naps

HIGHWAYS staff have warned drivers of the dangers of cars stopping on the M6. A snoozing motorist caused delays on the M6 in Walsall after pulling over and having a nap in a live lane.

The car stopped on the northbound carriageway between the slip roads at Junction 10, during a recent Friday's morning rush hour.

He was awoken within minutes and moved on. Steve Bird, Highways Agency operations manager, said: "If you feel tired when you are driving the highways by all means pull over and take a nap but make sure it you pull over at a service area or pull off the motorway and find somewhere safe."

Mini-market

A MINI-MARKET is being held at a church this Saturday. Great Wyrley Wesley Methodist Church will be selling crafts, bric-a-brac and cakes from 10.30am to midday. There will also be a fresh fruit and vegetable stall. Admission is free.

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Tipping warning in wake of action

A £1,400 court bill imposed on a factory worker who dumped bin bags overflowing with rubbish and building materials in a country lane is a 'clear warning' that fly tipping will not be tolerated, a council boss has stated.

An off-duty police officer spotted Adrian Nencin tipping the controlled waste, which included ceramic tiles, plasterboard and plywood, out of his van in Skip Lane, Walsall.

The 25-year-old Romanian national, of Mary Road in Handsworth, Birmingham, admitted depositing waste without an environmental permit.

Nencin was ordered to pay a £650 fine and £806 costs to the council – a total of £1,456.10.

Walsall Council environment chief Councillor Chris Towe said: "Fly-tipping is totally unacceptable and this case should act as a clear warning to people that if caught and prosecuted through the courts you will face a hefty fine.

"There are many ways to dispose of waste responsibly including the Household Waste Recycling Centres at Fryers Road, Leamore, and Merchants Way, Aldridge, which are free of charge."

Swim lessons are launched

SWIMMING classes for parents and their babies have been launched at a Walsall school.

The Aquababies sessions, held at the Joseph Leckie School in Walstead Road, aim to teach the basics of swimming through 'silly games and songs'. The hour-long classes feature a qualified baby and pre-school instructor and run between 10.30am and 11.30am every Saturday.

Babies from 12 weeks old and upwards are allowed to attend. For price information or to book a trial lesson call Lisa on 07598 617442.

Climb tops £8k

SIX workers from a building firm who took part in the Three Peaks Challenge for a children's charity have raised more than £8,000.

The team of workers from S.Cliff Building Contractors Ltd, based in Walsall, raised money for Action Medical Research.

Drivers and homes caught in flash floods



Weather chaos – stranded cars stuck

DRIVERS were left stranded, homes without power and main roads blocked as part of Walsall felt the full force of flash flooding following torrential rain.

Neighbourhoods and roads in Streetly and Aldridge were among the worst hit areas.

In Chester Road, opposite the Wheat & Son Garden Centre outside Streetly, five people had to be pulled from their cars by firefighters after becoming stranded in water around 4ft deep.

The water levels, which were raised by a stream under the road and the nearby

Bourne Pool, also left much of the garden centre's large car park under water.

Police closed the road both ways but it was reopened later the same day at around 7pm.

While many of the cars had been recovered, a lorry remained sunk in a ditch at the side of the road.

Heightened water levels also caused the closure of Little Hardwick Road due to an overspilling sewer.

Residents saw water rising high in their gardens, but escaped any damage to their homes.

However, in Mill Lane homeowners were not so lucky. Alan Cowan came home to find the road 'turned into a river' and water in his outbuildings, conservatory and kitchen.

About a dozen motorists who tried to make it through the water by their house were forced to abandon their cars in a nearby field.

Police were also forced to close Little Aston Lane due to cars becoming stranded.

Western Power said it received four calls from residents in Little Hardwick Road and Vale Avenue who reported having a power cut.

Outcry over scheme for homes near Arboretum

A NEW luxury homes development has been earmarked for green belt land next to historic Walsall Arboretum, sparking concerns among environmental campaigners.

Friends of the Earth claims the scheme for 14 new properties would undermine the look and character of the town's flagship park. Developer CT Planning Limited has submitted an application to the borough's planners.

The houses would have at least four bedrooms, to be built on grazing land at neighbouring Calderfield Farm. Along with the new homes there would be 56 car parking spaces.

Planning documents state that the properties would be for 'aspirational dwellings on land off Buchanan Road'. "The objective is to provide housing suitable to attract to the Walsall and Aldridge area managerial and professional persons that are likely to invest in employment generating businesses."

"This type of housing will assist with the retention of entrepreneurs and would improve the choice of housing within the Walsall area," says the report. It adds that the housing would be similar to properties in the Little Aston and Four Oaks area near Streetly, "where large, well-designed houses are set in spacious grounds."

But Walsall Friends of the Earth co-ordinator Beth Porter said other sites should be looked at first.

She said: "There are plenty of brownfield sites crying out for new housing. The Arboretum is our premier park and we see no reason to allow executive houses to spoil the open character that makes the park such as asset to the borough."

Dozens of events across the whole area pulled in huge crowds over the weekend as local celebrities helped mark the first real celebration of what makes our towns great.

Bostin' Pete flies flag for big day



Pete Waterman with the Black Country flag to mark the special day which was held on Monday

IT WAS a case of breaking out the fagots and paeas on Monday, which was the inaugural official Black Country Day, with thousands of people celebrating in the sunshine as specially-designed flags fly high over local landmarks.

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Music producer and Walsall FC fan

Pete Waterman, Steve Bull, Lenny Henry and comedy legend Aynuk all got into the spirit of the day – chosen to commemorate the invention of the world's first steam engine, The Newcomen Engine, on July 14, 1712.

In Darlaston around 7,000 people turned out in Darlaston for a party in Victoria Park – 2,500 up on last year's attendance. Street entertainers, face painting and a wrestling ring kept families entertained throughout the day. Stuart Chapman, chair of Dar-

laston Town Centre Partnership said: "We had an awesome weekend and we're delighted to see so many people support the event and see how fantastic Darlaston really is."

Walsall Council deputy leader Councillor Adrian Andrew said: "It's important the Black Country of recognised for the contribution it made to the development of the country."

"Other parts of the country have their own identity and are keen to celebrate it, so we should be the same."

Student marks award success

A TEENAGER who has secured a coveted job opportunity with KPMG, one of the world's top accounting firms, has seen his achievements celebrated during an awards ceremony at Walsall College.

Business and accounting student Joshua Downen has been crowned student of the year at the V6 Students' Awards Ceremony 2014, held at Walsall College's Wisemore Campus.

V6 is a sixth form specialising in vocational training. The 19-year-old has beaten off competition from thousands of other hopefuls.

UKIP's top man backs candidate

UKIP's deputy leader Paul Nuttall attended a party meeting in Walsall to show his support for a candidate in the council by-election in Birchills-Leamore after the death of Labour party leader Tim Oliver.

Mr Nuttall visited the Liberal Club, in Old Birchills, to back UKIP candidate Paul White. Mr Nuttall said he expected the party's membership to break past 40,000.

He added: "We are breaking the mould of politics."

Emergency care changes summit

RESIDENTS are being urged to have their say on the future of emergency care in Walsall at a meeting today, Thursday.

Health chiefs' long-term vision is to bring some of the services together at Walsall Manor Hospital's A&E department.

Residents can raise their views at the event at Aldridge Community Centre, Middlemore Lane from 1pm to 3pm.

Missionary set for church event

A MISSIONARY who has been working with families in Africa will be the guest speaker at a free event in Bloxwich.

Simon Guillebaud, of Great Lakes Outreach, based Burundi will be at the town's All Saint's parish church, in High Street, on Monday at 7pm. More details are on www.great-lakesoutreach.org

The Rats are out

LOCAL folk/punk band The Bad Rats perform at The Party in the car park which is being held at The Wheatsheaf pub, situated in Walsall Road, Great Wyrley at 3pm on Saturday.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



A COURT in Amsterdam has ordered the city to reconsider the yuletide appearance of "Black Pete," Santa Claus's traditional helper, after complaints that he is a negative racial stereotype. How long before Santa himself is banned on the grounds that he looks like Rolf Harris?

A STUDY reveals that children are now more likely to be bullied online than in the playground. I dare say someone, somewhere has filed this result under "progress."

WE are in North Yorkshire this week and stopped at York on the way up. It is still bedecked in Tour de France flags and bunting, plus hundreds of bikes, all painted yellow and stuck to hedges, railings and shop fronts. Painting them must ruin them and it's strange that the most visible way of celebrating the greatest cycle race in the world is by demonstrating how many unwanted, forsaken and abandoned bikes we possess. Apres le spray-paint, le tip.

I HAVE to report that Yorkshire is depressingly full of stick-thin middle-aged cycle-blokes in clingy, revealing Lycra. Stuck behind a posse of them in your car, it is impossible not to see things you'd rather not see, many of them with large veins.

AFTER the man-made majesty of York Minster, meet Mother Nature's equivalent. The eight-mile hike from Helmsley to Rievaulx Abbey and back takes you through a dense, Hobbyist sort of forest. The floor is carpeted with wild garlic and the music is provided by cooing gangs of wood pigeons pulling out all the stops. Cool, shady, perfumed and echoing. A cathedral of conifers is a place to treasure.

CHANCELLOR George Osborne was trapped by a kid on a school visit who asked him: "What's seven times eight?"



Quick as a flash, Osborne replied: "I've made it a rule in life not to answer a load of maths questions." Quick thinking, eh? Firstly, the Chancellor ducks the risk of getting the answer wrong. Secondly, he avoids slipping into the habits of the City where, if the client asks: "What's seven times eight?" the customary answer is: "Well, what figure did you have in mind, old boy?"

what a curious business is this gay "discrimination" case in Ulster where a Christian-owned cake shop is in trouble. The owner refused to make a cake for a gay wedding with two gay iced characters and the slogan: "Support gay marriage." But this is not one of those cases where a trader treats customers unfairly by, for example, refusing a gay couple a hotel room. In this case, the cake-maker would probably have refused to make the cake whether the customer was straight or gay. So where's the discrimination? It seems the cake maker's real offence is that he is not sufficiently enthusiastic about homosexuality.

CAR-sales cobblers. Over the years, the used-banger business has given us a rich vein of ducking, dodging and diving but the growing curse of the "administrative fee" takes the biscuit. This is an arbitrary sum, often about £75, slapped on the price of your car to cover items such as a check on its hire-purchase status. I was amused online to find one dealer explaining earnestly that he couldn't waive this fee for a customer because, if an earlier customer found out, "they (the dealer) can be made to repay anyone who has paid the fee before." Absolute cobblers but isn't it strangely reassuring to know the spirit of Arthur Daley is alive and well? Nice little runner, squire . . .

INTERESTING, too, to see that 25 years after the last genuine series of Minder was aired, you can still buy Arthur Daley stickers ("Iles autos par excellence") for your car.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

New leisure plans to be drawn up

FRESH plans for the future of leisure centres in Walsall will be drawn up in the coming weeks after previous proposals were opposed by councillors.

Walsall Council wanted to build new centres at Oak Park, Walsall Wood, and High Street, Bloxwich.

And they even gave the projects the go-ahead despite concerns being raised over rocketing costs.

But councillors voted against including the £24 million outlay in the next year's budget at a recent full council meeting.

So council leader Mike Bird said the proposals would go back to the drawing board and could end up being scaled back.

Now he has revealed more detailed plans will go before councillors in the coming weeks as bosses

decide how the developments will take shape in the future. The costs could be scaled back as a result. And they will also be looking at the possibility of redeveloping the Gala Baths in the town centre and building a new multi-storey car park.

Councillor Bird said: "The plans are very much on the front burner but we are having to have a rethink. One of the top agenda items at the

next council meeting will be the upcoming leisure strategy, which will include details on the plans for leisure centres."

The total cost of the project is currently £24m – with £2m coming from a government grant. The council would borrow the rest of the money and would shell out £1.39m a year in repayments – including interest – for the next 25 years.

£280k boost for social club in bacteria scare

MORE than £280,000 will be invested into transforming a social club amid fears it would be forced to close on health and safety grounds.

Walsall Council has agreed to commission essential and much needed works at the Darlaston Community Association sports and social recreation ground, known as Darlaston Rec in Hall Street.

The building has been found to have legionella bacteria in the water system which needs to be replaced as part of work worth £255,750.

This also incorporates other essential action such as kitchen and toilet upgrade and resurfacing at the rundown site. Further action costing £32,445 has also been agreed which involves restoring the bowling green and hedge and shrub work is also part of the investment.

The Darlaston Community Association has been putting together a business plan for the site and welcomed the investment.

Councillor Paul Bott, a trustee, said: "I don't think there is any choice, we have campaigned with the trustees for nearly 12 months to get this funding into the Rec. It gives the building a new lease of life. This will benefit everyone from the young and old."

He added they would also be pushing for another £70,000 plus of improvements it has said is needed to improve the premises.

Homegrown at college

HOMEGROWN produce is now being used in a Black Country college's on-site training restaurant.

The polytunnel and vegetable patch adjacent to the staff car park at the rear of Walsall College's Wisemore campus is now being used to grow fresh produce for the commercially-run Jerome's restaurant.

The produce is grown by students from the NUS as part of their training and then picked by co-ordinators from the college's Student Eats scheme.

Hospitality and catering students then use the vegetables in their food preparation.

Authors mark independence



Local authors gathered at Southcart with, front, Scott Southey and Amy Carter

UP and coming authors greeted customers and gave readings at a book shop as part of Independent Booksellers Week.

The event aims to celebrate independent bookshops in the UK and Ireland and Southcart Books in Lower Hall Lane, Walsall, took part by allowing more than 20 local authors to promote their work.

Father-of-one Scott Southey, aged 39, runs the independent store with his partner Amy Carter, 36.

Mr Southey of Palfrey, said: "Everyone

has enjoyed themselves. "We have only been open for six weeks and really wanted to make it a community-based shop.

"We want to help local authors and doing it as part of Independent Booksellers Week gets the word out about independent book shops.

"We built a community bookcase filled with books from the authors who came.

"There were about eight authors who gave readings but more than 20 local authors from the region took part."

Four are saved by officers after fire

FOUR people were rescued from a flat after a blaze broke out in the kitchen.

Two men and two women, who are all in their 30s, were asleep when the fire broke out at the flat in Rowley Street, Walsall in the early hours of last Thursday.

Firefighters from Walsall and Bloxwich were sent to the scene after a pan was left on the hob, sparking the blaze. They were all taken to Walsall Manor Hospital suffering from smoke inhalation.

West Midlands Ambulance Service spokesman Murray MacGregor said: "On arrival, the two women and two men were already out of the flat after being rescued by police officers. The four, who were all in their 30s, were asleep when the fire broke out.

"The four were given oxygen at the scene by ambulance staff before being taken to Walsall Manor Hospital suffering from smoke inhalation. They have since been discharged.

"The brave actions of the police officers undoubtedly contributed to the extent of the smoke inhalation being reduced."

Two ambulances, a rapid response vehicle and a paramedic officer were sent to the scene at around 2.20am.

Hearing on diabetic man

A VERDICT of death due to natural causes has been recorded after a man suffered an infected foot ulcer.

James Simkins had been in respite care at Wood Green Nursing Home, West Bromwich, but was rushed to Sandwell Hospital on March 9 this year.

An inquest at Smethwick Coroner's Court heard the 62-year-old, was a diabetic and suffering from liver cancer. Black Country senior coroner Robin Balmain said the death of the works engineer, of Chestnut Road, Wednesbury, was due to natural causes.

Ramblers' walk

THE Walsall Group of the Ramblers will be heading off on a nine mile walk around Chirk this weekend.

The stroll around the villages and countryside of Oswestry takes place on Sunday.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

50th partnership Subway opens

SANDWICH chain Subway has opened its 50th shop in the Midlands in a Walsall service station.

The branch is in partnership with Euro Garages at Leamore Service Station in the borough.

The site continues Euro Garages' plan to invest in and open 100 Subway stores by 2016.

Subway has more than 1,800 stores in the UK and Ireland, with more than 400 their outlets open or in development in non-traditional locations, such as sharing forecourt sites or placed within convenience stores.

Crackdown after cases of C.diff

INFECTION control is being stepped up at Walsall Manor Hospital after five cases were reported in May.

Steps were taken by Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust which saw it reduced to just one case in June.

In a report, chief executive Richard Kirby said: "Clostridium difficile remains an issue of concern. We have agreed a further set of actions through the infection control committee to reinforce infection control standards."

Pensioner died after bed fall

A PENSIONER died in hospital after falling out of bed at her home in the Black Country, an inquest heard.

Lillian Noon, aged 91, of Walstead Road, Walsall, was admitted to Walsall Manor Hospital on June 29 after she fell and bumped her head, an inquest at Smethwick Council House heard. Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain concluded she had died as a result of an accident.

Garden opens up for charity

A COUPLE will open their garden up to the public this Sunday in aid of charity. Mary and David Blundell live at Dorset House in Station Street, Cheslyn Hay.

Admission is £3. The garden will be open from 11am to 5pm. Homemade cakes will be on offer and plants will be on sale. The garden features unusual rhododendrons and shrubs.

Pub jazz concert

WALSALL Jazz Orchestra will be performing in Lichfield this weekend. The group will be on stage at the Feathers Inn, Beacon Street on Sunday, July 20 from 8pm. Entry is free.

Clearance of gullies sees tons of silt go

AROUND 32,000 gullies have been cleared of 700 tons of silt amid fears they were becoming blocked and causing flooding. The work was carried out in Walsall after residents had called for action, complaining that roads and pavements were getting flooded.

To tackle the problem a new system was launched which will see the gullies routinely maintained instead of workers waiting for problems to arise. It highlighted that some have not been cleaned for 'a considerable time', the council said.

Officials say an average routine clean costs £10, whereas an emergency call out is £100 or more, and often takes much longer.

But bosses have warned that there is still a risk that drains could become blocked again during autumn and winter.

A report by John Roseblade, group manager for engineering and transportation, said: "Despite the number of gullies cleared, there will always remain problems in autumn months when there is excessive leaf fall. A large number of leaves can quickly block the grid of an otherwise clear gully during heavy rain. We have been working to identify the locations where this is a specific problem."

Help from M6 digital adverts

A FIRM is trying to drum up new franchisees through digital advertising hoardings on the M6 in the Black Country.

The hoardings from Walsall's One Stop are between junctions eight for the M5 and nine for Wednesbury and stand 7.5 metres tall and five metres wide.

One Stop said they have already begun generating inquiries for the franchise operation. Franchise director Andrew King said: "With over 132,000 vehicles passing every day, these adverts are a fantastic opportunity to spread the word."

Cars donated

TWO pedal cars have been donated to a Walsall Wood school by a voluntary group celebrating its 90th anniversary.

Walsall's Inner Wheel group gave the cars to Oakwood Special School as part of a Wheels Project.

Heritage talks over £100k organ appeal

ORGANISERS of a £100,000 appeal to revamp the Darlaston Town Hall organ will meet English Heritage officials next week to hold talks on the plans to repair it. The instrument is more than a century old and needs repairs to its pedal board and the pneumatic action that makes the sound.

Work is also required the clean the pipe workings. Campaigners Mervin Jones and Councillor Doug James hope to attract lottery cash to help cover the cost of the work.

Mr Jones, an organist who runs monthly concerts at the town hall, and the councillor joined forces to launch a fundraising drive

to improve it for future generations. Representatives from the heritage body will visit the hall, in Victoria Road, Darlaston, on July 25 and 28 for preliminary talks. The organ was built 111 years ago by the renowned organ maker James J Binns of Leeds at its Bramley Organ Works. Officials from Binns are also due to visit the town to see what work will be required.

Councillor James, of Darlaston South, said: "We have started negotiations with English heritage over what help they can give us towards the project. Their representatives will be coming later this month.

They will be shown the organ as a part of a tour of the premises. They are only preliminary meetings, but people have been very positive towards the scheme so far.

"We are also linking up with Forest Arts Centre on a couple of ideas that we have. There are three shows lined up for the autumn when we hope to attract a number of celebrities to come and perform for us."

They have also revealed that a Black Country community choir contest will be held on November 21 and 23 as part of the efforts to attract more people to music performances and to raise the appeal's profile.

"We hope to establish an annual competition featuring schools and residents to give them an opportunity to show what they can do. There will be no auditions, but if there are a lot of entries we will organise heats," Councillor James added.

There are also plans for three autumn concerts to help raise the profile of the campaign. The organ was given to the town in 1903 by the town's prominent Slater family. Slater Street situated near the town hall was named after them. It was commissioned by Mrs S M Slater and family in memory of her late husband James.

Talented Andrew in frame as Ken's portrait unveiled

Report by Adam Burling

HIS paintings of politicians, comedians and authors have been displayed across the globe.

And now Andrew Tift has unveiled his latest project – a portrait of former London Mayor Ken Livingstone.

Mr Tift's work has gone on show at the National Portrait Gallery in London. It was commissioned after Tift won the 2006 BP Portrait Award for his painting of Kitty Godley, first wife of the artist Lucian Freud.

Mr Tift, who has worked as a professional artist for 20 years from his home in Birmingham Road, Walsall, has built up a reputation for getting the personality of his subject across.

Born in Great Wyrley, he went from the village's High School to Stafford College of Art to do a foundation course in art and drawing, and then to Birmingham Art College, and a BA Hons and MA with distinction in illustration.

Kinnock

His portrait of Kitty Godley, spread over three paintings, 'changed his life', he says, and got him commissioned to paint Tony Benn. From that came a commission to paint Neil and Glenys Kinnock for the National Portrait Gallery.

For his latest work, Mr Tift had a series of sittings with the former mayor and they decided to set the portrait in his back garden in London on a summer day. It is painted in acrylic on canvas and took 11 months to complete. He said: "I wanted it to be a relaxed and informal depiction."

"One of the things Ken said to me during the sittings was that he always tried to appear calm during interviews and debates and never lost his cool so I wanted his pose to be calm, as if the viewer was in conversation with him and he was listening. I liked the idea of setting him in his garden rather than against architectural symbols of London which he is associated with because it was his little patch of London."



Ken Livingstone with his portrait at the National Portrait Gallery in London



Walsall portrait artist Andrew Tift in his studio

£10k target in memory of hit-and-run victim

THE sister of a 24-year-old man killed in a hit-and-run as he walked home from a night out has vowed to raise £10,000 for charity in his memory.

Simone Coleman has launched the campaign alongside her parents, Gary and Tracey, in aid of brain injury charity Headway. Her brother Jamey, of Springhill Road, Brownhills, was knocked down on the A5 Watling Street in Brownhills in March while on his way back from the

nearby White Horse Pub. The 23-year-old, mother-of-one from Sussex Drive in Aldridge, said: "I set myself a target to raise £10,000 by the first anniversary of Jamey's death next year and I am determined to reach it."

"Headway helps head trauma survivors and gives them and their families advice and support and they have been absolutely brilliant helping us come to terms with Jamey's death. If Jamey had survived he would

have needed help from the charity because he would have been severely disabled."

A page has been set up on the JustGiving website in Jamey's honour and £1,220 has now been raised. A charity car wash will be held on Saturday from 12pm at the Anchor Inn in Chester Road, Brownhills, to raise more cash. Miss Coleman said she has been 'amazed' by the response from the public. She added: "I set up a Just Giving page and

didn't expect to raise so much money in just a few months."

Following the crash which happened on March 30 the former Brownhills Community School pupil was rushed to the head trauma unit at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham where he later died.

Around 300 people attended his funeral at St John's Church in Walsall Wood on April 15. Police have appealed for information and are investigating.

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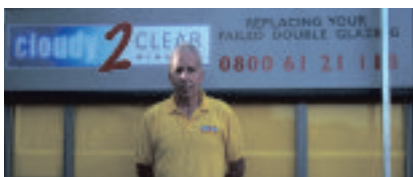
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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

BARONESS Butler-Sloss, the aunt of actor Nigel Havers, has stepped down from her role as chairman of an inquiry into allegations of a child-abuse cover-up before she even started.

She was supposed to be investigating claims that the establishment – including senior figures in the police, clergy and judiciary, as well as a number of MPs – had tried to hush the whole thing up. Some said, as the sister of the Attorney General of the time, she was too close to the establishment herself.

It probably didn't help when her nephew, actor Nigel Havers, weighed in to defend his aunt's honour, but one would not envy the Home Secretary in choosing a replacement. A senior judge who is not part of the establishment?

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WOT did yo do fer Black Country Day, then mucker?

When Dudley musician 'Black Country Gaz' Sawers first had the idea for a day to celebrate all that is best about the Cradle of British Industry, he could never have guessed how it would have taken off, with word about the event even spreading to the heart of Downing Street. Even the Chancellor of the Exchequer got in on the act by posing with a Black Country flag.

The thing that has made the past few days so memorable was that it was not something imposed on the region by the great and the good, but that it actually came from the people of the Black Country themselves. Yes, the councils played an important role in supporting it, but it truly was a grass roots event. Even the flag was designed by Stourbridge schoolgirl, Gracie Shepherd.

While the Government and lottery pours millions of pounds into so-called cultural events designed to promote the various parts of Britain, Black Country Mon just gets on with it – no PR consultants, no glossy advertising, just a lot of hard graft.

This was the ingenuity which turned the Black Country into the industrial powerhouse of the world. Bostin', ay it?

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SUPPOSE you won £52,000 on the lottery, or maybe the Premium Bonds, or inherited it in a will. What would you do? Carefully consider how you will use the money? Maybe think about paying off the mortgage, or a new car perhaps?

Well when Michaela Hutchings of Lichfield incorrectly had £52,000 paid into her account by the city council, she went out to Birmingham's Bull Ring shopping centre and blew £8,000 on designer clothes within 48 hours. She has since been ordered to pay the money back or face going to jail, and she claims she is being victimised because she is a bit of a looker. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

But she is hardly a model of financial responsibility, is she?



Dave Bytheway, right, with Gary Lineker and pal Chris Pugh



The finalists line up at the Christ The Redeemer statue



Dave congratulates August Rosenmeier after his win

Dave reaches goal on the road to Rio

While Rooney and co failed in Brazil, one Englishman was definitely on target.

JON PRITCHARD reports

THERE hasn't been much to shout about for England in the sporting arena this summer.

Murray went out with a whimper at Wimbledon, while England's World Cup campaign ended in disaster.

But one Black Country gamer did the St George flag proud, reaching the final of the FIFA Interactive World Cup in Brazil. Dave Bytheway won his place in the last stages of the contest after coming 23rd out of the almost two million people who tried to qualify for the tournament. He got an all-expenses-paid trip to Rio to take part in the competition.

Once he arrived he battled it out with 19 other competitors and the 21-year-old managed to reach the very last round of the contest, which pitted the best in the world at the FIFA game against each other. And he even beat off competitors from England's old foe France to reach the final.

There, he lost to Danish gamer August Rosenmeier, who Dave, of Leacroft Avenue, Low Hill, Wolverhampton, admitted was the better player. He said: "It was really intense. There were the best 20 players in the world there so from a competitive point of view it is probably the hardest tournament.

I didn't think I would ever go to Rio, let alone when the World Cup was on."

No stranger to playing in gaming tournaments on foreign soil, Dave competed against the other gamers at the five-star Pestana Rio Atlantica hotel, which overlooks the famous Copacabana beach.

He got 5,000 dollars for his efforts, presented to him by Brazilian legend Ronaldo, but the fun didn't stop there. He was also given the once-in-a-lifetime



Gamer Dave Bytheway, who has been a World Cup success for England

experience of a tour of Rio, which took in the Christ The Redeemer statue. He also managed to bump into some former real-life football players, including 1994 World Cup winner and former Brazil captain and coach Dunga.

Dave added: "There was a party at the hotel. There was Gary Lineker, Alan Shearer, Robbie Savage, even Dunga was there. I didn't want to be the guy that goes over to a group and splits them up asking for pictures, but I did manage to get a picture with Gary Lineker." The 20 contestants had qual-

ified by building up unbeaten runs playing the game online, went into battle on July 2 and 3. They came from all over the world with several countries being represented by a number of players.

In the past Dave has competed in Paris, New York, and Las Vegas, but he said nothing could come close to competing in the World Cup in Brazil. Dave, who is unemployed said he can make a living by playing the game and first started playing around five years ago when he began with Fifa 09. He said he had enjoyed taking part in the Brazilian

competition. "There were four groups of five, with the top two going through in each one. I won my group, winning three matches and drawing one, but it was a lot tougher than my record suggests."

In the quarter finals he was pitched against his good friend, Adrien Viaud from France. Having played online for a number of years and gone to similar tournaments, the pair are now good friends. He said: "I've known Adrien for a while. I managed to win that 1-0 in extra time. It was a really close match."

In the semi-final, it was another close fought match, with England's last hope for some World Cup success coming up against Jorrick Boshove, from Holland.

But the Dutch master was no match for the Wolverhampton hotshot's ability.

Another late goal saw him qualify for the final 1-0, again.

He added: "I didn't really know him that well but we spoke a lot during the tournament, and I'd class him as a friend now."

On July 3, more than a week after Steven Gerrard, Wayne Rooney and Daniel Sturridge had packed their bags and come home, Dave was still there playing for the pride of his country in the competition's final. However, it wasn't meant to be, and Dave went down 3-1 to Rosenmeier, after initially going a goal ahead.

He said: "I had played him in a tournament before, I didn't really know him. We're pretty good friends now and to be honest, he deserved to win."

To put the icing on the cake of his South American adventure the day after the competition ended was also his 21st birthday when the players competing were treated to a match at the Maracana, where they saw France take on Germany in the quarter-final.

So while Roy Hodgson's boys may not covered themselves in glory while in Brazil, one Englishman can come back from South America with his head held high.

WEEK IN POLITICS

with Daniel Wainwright

THERE are times I wonder if some of the Tories enjoy a good strike.

It gives them the chance to remind the country of Labour's reliance on the unions and try to get everyone to gang up on them.

It's our children who suffered the loss of a day's precious education, the critics say. It's the hardworking (all the parties love that word) parents who had to make alternative arrangements. The unions say they're doing this for everyone. The Tories say they're hurting everyone.

The taxpaying public are playing piggy in the middle while our kids' education and future is in an emotional custody battle between opposing ideologies. The unions make the valid point that it wasn't lollipop ladies, bin men or social workers that caused the recession.

Neither was it the children or the mums and dads who have been inconvenienced by a shut school or left with a full bin on the basis of a strike justified with turnouts as low as 20 per cent in some unions.

Firefighters had a much bigger turnout for their ballot.

But their own reasons for striking – particularly the concern over 60-year-old firefighters being expected to carry people out of burning buildings due to pension reforms – were swept up in a general wave of public sector discontent because everyone chose the same day to walk out. Everyone walking out at once might have grabbed the headlines, but it also let the Government to condemn them en masse rather than address the many and varied concerns each union has.

Meanwhile Tory, Lib Dem and Labour MPs who either imposed miserable austerity on the country or presided over years of unsustainable spending (debate those points among yourselves) were probably not too bothered by schools shutting.

They earn more than double the national average salary. I can't imagine any of them was particularly stretched by the extra childcare costs.

At least the Tories took a side, whether rightly or wrongly, in condemning the strike.

Labour chose to neither support nor condemn it officially even though its bread is buttered by the unions and their donations.

It's a strange position to take because Labour owes its very existence to the trade union movement.

I don't see why Ed Miliband needs to appear so coy about it. He could do with working out exactly where he stands with public sector strikes so the unions know what they're letting themselves in for if he becomes Prime Minister.

As any 'hardworking' person affected by the walkouts will attest, playing piggy in the middle is no fun at all.

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As Mayor of Walsall, I am highlighting this concern, shared by health workers in the hope of sparking a debate and through this, greater awareness of the poor uptake of this opportunity by many women.

We need to know why Walsall is well below the 70 per cent target for screening and concentrate minds on how this low take up can be increased. In a nutshell we are talking about how many Walsall women's lives can be saved, that will otherwise be lost if screening for cervical cancer continues to remain well below target.

COUNCILLOR PETE SMITH,
Mayor of Walsall

Offering help for homeless

I HAVE just been 'sofa surfing' outside of St Pauls 'The Crossing' in Walsall with Rachel and Grace from 'Nightstop', the young homeless project run by the YMCA.

This was an uncomfortable 40 minutes in a glaring sun, but I would like to use this to highlight to you and your readers the Nightstop project.

Basically, it provides people with a spare room, the opportunity to help young people by providing them with temporary, safe, emergency accommodation and support.

Volunteer hosts provide an evening meal, bed and breakfast and laundry services, but are able to give much more in terms of help and guidance.

This project is aimed at supporting the 16-25 year age group and placements can literally be overnight or up to two weeks.

If you have a spare room, a caring attitude and a 'passion to change a young life' please contact the project on: 0121 524 1957 or open-door@ymcabc.org.uk

CLLR LEE JEAVONS
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Walsall MBC

Aid pledge is wrong for the UK

AT a time when the National Health Service teeters on the brink of insolvency, Lib-Dem Michael Moore seeks to enshrine in law our commitment to overseas aid, at a fixed minimum rate.

The MP seems not to be aware that citizens of the countries to which British ring-fenced aid is sent, continue to flood into our country and avail themselves of benefits engendered by generations of Britons.

How can his party endorse student tuition fees, cut benefits for the poor and advocate means-testing of pensioners' winter fuel allowance, while heaping billions of pounds worth of aid upon foreign nations?

The temerity of the representative for Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk is compounded by the knowledge that, in the event of Scottish independence, the taxpayer would shoulder the burden of his magnanimity, with his fellow countrymen escaping 'Scot-free'!

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Seniors pick up the baton for positivity

A SENIOR Walsall Councillor, instead of answering my questions, asked me to write something nice about Walsall.

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Harper, with those who are more mobile, dance to entertain us magnificently.

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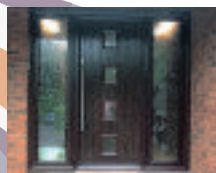
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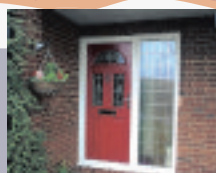
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Jail for raider who took 3D glasses and pliers

A MAN who raided a house and took £6, a pair of 3D glasses and pliers has been jailed for two years five months.

Mr Patrick Sullivan, prosecuting, said David Arrowsmith used a jemmy in the early hours to force open a window at the property in Beatrice Street, Walsall. But the 26-year-old was arrested soon afterwards when spotted

cycling in the area by a patrolling police officer, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told on Monday.

He was seen to throw something away that turned out to be a box with the cash in it. The rest of the haul was discovered when he was searched, continued the prosecutor.

Mr Nigel Ford, defending, said Ar-

rowsmith had alcohol and drug problems and continued: "His partner is expecting their second child and he carried out this offence in a moment of madness."

The defendant from Stag Hill Road, Walsall, whose previous convictions included four other burglaries and three robberies, admitted burglary.

Work starts to give old bingo hall new role

WORK to transform a former bingo hall which was once a cinema into a banqueting suite has got under way.

The Grade II Clifton Cinema in Tower Hill, Great Barr has been boarded up since it closed as a bingo hall in 2008.

Contractors have re-secured the front of the building, which is on Walsall Road, where boarding has been targeted by vandals over the years.

This included an arson attack in January 2012 which caused significant smoke and structural damage within the main auditorium.

Decorators are also on site but a final date for completion of the revamp and cost have yet to be revealed.

Cinema owner, Mohammed Mamunur Rashid, is behind the redevelopment plan which has won approval from Birmingham City Council recently.

Mr Rashid was given permission for a change of use to a conference and banqueting hall and to convert the upper balcony to a restaurant.

A planning document by architects McAndrew Watts on behalf of Mr Rashid said: "The applicant's commitment to investing in the restoration the building and recovery of significant features, overall enhancement of the building to create a commercial viable use will ensure the retention and continued use of this important architecture for the enjoyment of the local area for years to come, thus preserving the building fabric for future generations."

The Clifton Cinema opened in February 1938 and formed part of the



Decorator Eusebio Daniel at the former Clifton, Great Barr

Factory blaze was an accident

A LARGE blaze at a paint production factory in south Staffordshire was caused accidentally.

The fire on July 7, in the yard of Cheslyn Dispensers, Great Wyrley, erupted when dry paint powder stored in a 40ft shipping container over-heated and caused a chemical reaction.

Fire investigators said the subsequent build-up of pressure was so powerful it burst a wall of the container, causing the fire to spread to other containers and pallets.

Forty firefighters from Cannock, Chase Terrace, Penkridge, Bloxwich and Walsall battled the flames along with specialist vehicles from Newcastle and Rugeley.

Up to 12 neighbouring businesses on the Landwood Lane industrial estate were evacuated and residents warned to keep their windows shut over fears of chemical contamination.

Cannock station manager Neil Pederson, who led the incident, said: "This was a large scale incident."

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Campaign to get buses at night and weekend

Out of Africa into your home



Gerald Johnson with the collection of Zimbabwean art

A pensioner wants to find a new home for more than 40 African artifacts left to him by his late brother. Gerry Johnson, aged 88, of Great Wyrley, was given the sculpted items by his brother Sydney on his return from Zimbabwe where he had lived and worked for 30 years. They include wooden face masks, carved animals, and a soapstone

chess set. Mr Johnson is looking to find a new home for the 48-piece collection and hopes someone with an interest in Zimbabwe or its predecessor Rhodesia may want to take the items on.

If you are interested in taking on Mr Johnson's collection you can get in touch via our sister paper the Express & Star.

A PETITION has been submitted to parliament in a bid to get evening and weekend buses for residents in an area of Walsall, amid fears they are left stranded at home.

More than 60 people in Pheasey have called for a service at night and on Sundays with some having no other way of getting about.

Walsall South MP Valerie Vaz is helping to lead the campaign on behalf of residents of Beacon Heights Park Homes.

She said the 934 and 936 no longer operate on Beacon Road on evenings and Sundays and was contacting Centro to try and speak with bus operators.

Centro said there are good public transport links but would continue to monitor the situation.

Ms Vaz said: "There is a clear strength of feeling that residents are cut off from public transport, particularly in the evenings at weekends."

"More than half the residents of Beacon Heights Park Homes signed the petition."

"Many of the residents are elderly and do not drive. For them, the provision of good bus services is vital as they would have to pay for taxis every time they want to go out."

"Without access to public transport, many residents are effectively stranded at home or unable to return home in the evenings. It is crucial everyone has access to public transport at the times they need it."

Centro spokesman Mark Langford said the transport authority recognised the concerns of the residents but added for such a comparatively rural area Beacon Heights already had good public transport links.

"Centro subsidises routes which may be commercially unviable yet which meet social need, but they must fulfil certain criteria to ensure the taxpayer gets the best value for money, something which at the moment the level of demand in the evenings and on Sundays at Beacon Heights does not meet," he said. "However we will continue to monitor the situation."

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College colleagues in the beauty business

TWO beauty students from Walsall Adult & Community College (WACC) have proved they're a cut above the rest by putting their skills to the ultimate test of opening a salon.

Sarah Workman, aged 30, and Claire Parsons, 40, are 'made up' about their new venture, having launched their business, Angels Beauty Salon in Coltham Road, Short Heath, just six weeks ago.

The business partners - who only met at WACC 16 months ago - offer treatments which include body wraps, facials, reflexology, massages and nail art - skills learned from courses at college.

When Claire, a former nursing student came up with the idea and suggested it to Sarah, the ex-personal trainer and dancer jumped at the chance.

Fitness

"It was Claire's idea to run our own salon," says Sarah who lives in Willenhall. "She's the brains behind it all. She did it, she got it and I joined in!"

"I left school at 16 and decided to become a fitness instructor which I did for seven years. Back then, I needed a new challenge so I went into sales."

"After a few years of that and having a baby, I felt I needed to flex my creativity somewhat."

"Health and beauty had always interested me. I was always getting my nails done and so I decided to go back to college to learn various health treatments."

"I met Claire at an aromatherapy course at college. We became friends and when she suggested we go into business together, it was a no brainer."

Claire, of New Invention, had aspirations to become a nurse but her



Sarah Workman and Claire Parsons, who have opened up a new salon

dreams were shattered when she was diagnosed with a degenerative spinal disease a few years ago. Her occupational therapist advised her against pursuing such a career.

"I must admit this was a low point in my life," she says.

"Hearing that left me devastated."

I'd left school with virtually no qualifications and admit to having 'dossed around' into my early thirties.

"Then suddenly it was as if a light had switched on and I wanted a career in nursing. I'd already completed my Access to Nursing and a Foundation Degree in health & social care."



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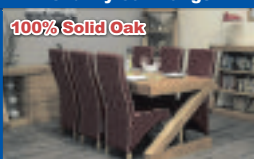
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Creative cooking is a piece of cake



Cookery students show off their cupcake designs at Walsall College's Wisemore campus

HOSPITALITY students at Walsall College have added another ingredient to their recipes after taking part in a cupcake decorating masterclass.

Eleven students took part in the workshop where they were taught to colour sugar paste, create handmade decorations and piping techniques.

The college teamed up with charitable organisation Walsall Creative Factory (WCF) recently and the Orchid Cake Company in Walsall to deliver the training at the college's Wisemore Campus. Walsall Creative Factory was established earlier this year and aims to engage children, young people and adults in creative arts and culture activities.

MP praises food bank aid

AN MP has praised a supermarket for helping those in need of food.

Walsall North MP David Winnick visited the Tesco's site in Neptune Industrial Estate in Willenhall to learn more about how unwanted food is passed on to food banks.

The rise of food banks has been huge in recent years with nearly one million

people fed with their help in the last year.

Mr Winnick said: "I commend Tesco on its work, however it is most unfortunate that so many people here and elsewhere in the country are having to use food banks. No one enjoys doing so and the situation is as a result of austerity measures. People have no alternative."

"It is a sad narrative of modern day Britain."

Tesco has launched a nationwide partnership with food charity FareShare by providing them with the equivalent of seven million meals a year of surplus food which they will use to support more than 1,000 community groups across the UK.

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Some of the girls in national style costumes, for an event during the 1970s



Dancers from the early days of the 50-year school



Some of the girls dancing when they appeared on a TV show called Kidsworld



Walsall Academy of Dance girls with Chris Tarrant on Tiswas



Another view of youngsters from the Walsall Academy of Dance when they appeared on Tiswas

Dancing days recalled from the past 50 years

WHEN the founder of a popular ballet school set it up 50 years ago in a garage – she never imagined it would grow into a lasting institution.

Over the decades Walsall Academy of Dance has seen aspiring stars join the ranks of famous ballet troupes, appear on the stage as well as the big screen.

Celebrities who found fame after cutting their teeth at the Butts Street studio in the art of ballet, tap and modern dance include Brownhills supermodel Erin O'Connor and Cannon's Nativity star Ben Wilby.

Former boss Diane Millard set up the academy in 1964 with just five pupils in a garage at her parents' home in Leamore. "I just wanted to teach dance. I was lucky enough to be trained by Madam Helena Lehmski who taught me not only the classical English ballet method, but also the Italian and the Russian methods.

"I was on a mission and fortunately I got the children who were also dedicated and the parents were fantastic,"

MEMORY LANE

by Deborah Hardiman

Miss Millard, aged 70, says. Soon her reputation grew and by the 1970s her charges were performing live on children's TV shows Tiswas and Kids World. Over the decades there have been roles in ballets and pantomimes including a stint with Cannon and Ball in Aladdin.

The school is a force to reckon with at competitions and for seven years running in the 1980s and 1990s took the top spots at the British dance championships. Former pupils have joined the ranks of the Royal Ballet and appeared in musicals including Rock of Ages, Aspects of Love, the Batman World Tour, at the Moulin Rouge in France, or are snapped up by cruise ship operators.

In 1989 Staffordshire's Lisa Waddingham, then just 18, was picked by composer Andrew Lloyd-Webber for the Royal Variety Performance after he spotted her in a touring version of Cats. Meanwhile Streetly's Drew

McOnie in 2010 was a contestant on the TV talent series So You Think You Can Dance? Others have opened their own dance schools. While some are among the second generation of their family to attend. These include Summer Seager-Coles, 13, of Barton under Needwood, and her mother Andrea, who was a pupil there in 1968.

The 180-pupil strong academy is now run by current principal Christa Collard, who was signed up at the school aged two. She took over the reins four years ago. Miss Collard says: "At WAD we pride ourselves on offering high standards of teaching allowing students to gain dance qualifications, alongside gaining performance opportunities and having fun."

This year three aspiring ballerinas Amy York, 19, Jordan Sylvester, 17, and Clare Newton-Sheppard, 18, have been accepted to study at the Royal Academy of Dance, in London. A reunion party is being held on July 19 at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall, at 8pm. Tickets are available on 01922 613281. Those with old photos, newspaper cuttings, and stories should email info@walsallacademyofdance.co.uk



Founder Diane Millard, with Christa J Collard and dancers



The exterior of the Walsall Academy of dance's premises, which is situated in Butts Street near the town centre

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New nursery has fun day for visitors



Mickey Mouse meets, back from from left, Jess Brown, Steph Cliffe, Sarah Soden, front left, Mizzy Riley, seven,

A NEW nursery has started up in Walsall creating four new jobs and looks set to expand later in the year.

Music Box Nursery has set up in Hall Street East, Darlaston, and staff held a fun day to give parents the chance to have a look around. Around 100 people turned out to the event, which featured a Mickey Mouse mascot, a bouncy castle, barbecue and tombola.

Nursery manager Sarah Soden said the part-time facility catered for four to six children but was hoping to open full-time from September. The 25-year-old, of Hall Street East, Darlaston, who has worked at other nurseries for the past eight years, said: "We thought this would be a good way to get the community involved."

"We want them to know we are opening full time from September and we are hoping to take care of 25 children in the mornings and 25 in the afternoons. The owner of the building thought a nursery was needed in the area and the building has been refurbished. It's an old church."

"It's already created four jobs but we will also be needing more staff from September."

For more details, call 0121 448 3773.

Action to tackle the problem of speeding

ACTION is being taken to tackle drivers speeding along an estate amid concerns there could be a serious accident.

Speed signs will be introduced on Stephenson Avenue and Cavendish Road, Beechdale. Highway officers in Walsall have carried out checks on the roads which have a 30mph limit. They are now looking to bring in measures such as the speed activated warning signs.

An update report on the situation is being provided to the North Walsall area panel.

North Walsall area manager Michael Greenfield, says: "Working with Beechdale Community Housing, the police and local residents, area partnerships has been looking at different feasibility measures regarding traffic speeds along Stephenson Avenue and Cavendish Road."

"Working with a senior engineer from the highways/traffic team, a traffic speed survey was undertaken on June 12, specifically around Stephenson Avenue and Cavendish Road."

"From the 'speed gun' analysis it has been identified that there may be a need to put up the 'reduce speed sign' along those roads. These measures will

By Craig Hughes

tie into the road safety campaigns that are to occur locally, including the messages to pupils from Mirus Academy. "The senior engineer is also looking at other road safety measures that could be implemented."

Birchills and Leamore ward Councillor Tina Jukes said there was an issue with speeding. "They are quite long roads, they go up and down speeding," she said. "We get complaints from some of the residents about it, especially Stephenson Avenue. It is an accident waiting to happen."

"You get motorbikes round there as well. I hope they work."

"There are a lot of old folk around the Beechdale and I wouldn't want anything to happen to them."

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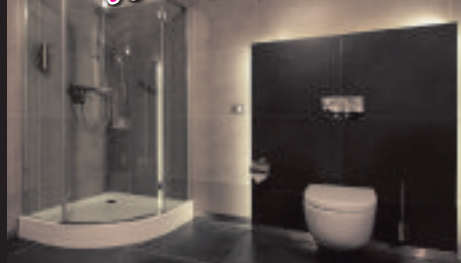
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Discover how the tower was defended via the interactive displays and hear the legendary beefeaters who guard the tower walls, telling tales of the unlucky few who passed through Traitors Gate,

A visit is also made to the Imperial War Museum in central London. To celebrate the anniversary of the First World War, the museum will open new galleries and a redesigned atrium telling stories of the many men and women who lived and served on the home and fighting front. Admire the world's largest collection of Victoria crosses, see the biggest display of British First World art in almost 100 years and for young historians, the family exhibition Horrible Histories® is a must.

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Seventh heaven for birthday girl



Caitlin Smith celebrates her birthday at her home, with a picture of when she was born with parents Ian and Dena

THERE can be no excuses for missing little Caitlin Smith's birthday after she was born on the seventh day of the seventh month of 2007. And the sequence of sevens did not end there, as she obligingly weighed in at 7lb 7oz. This week she reached another number-related milestone when she celebrated her seventh birthday.

The youngster marked the occasion with a party in the evening with friends while her mum brought a picnic to school at lunchtime which they enjoyed sitting in the sunshine at the Croft in Aldridge village centre. It brought back happy memories for Ian and Dena Smith of the birth to their firstborn at Walsall Manor Hospital all that time ago. Mrs Smith said: "She was supposed to have arrived on the sixth but she decided to hang on and make her entrance the following day. We didn't notice the date to begin with.

"When she weighed in at 7lb 7oz, they had to weigh her twice to make sure they'd seen it right. It was such a coincidence."

Homes to be built on Beechdale school site

ACRES of land which belonged to a former primary school will be transformed for housing after council chiefs agreed to its sale.

The remainder of the old Beechdale school site is being sold by Walsall Council after terms were agreed in principle with an interested party. The school in Remington Road was demolished in 2007 due to poor standards.

Some of the land was sold to Accord Housing Association last year - who unveiled plans for 40 properties.

The remainder of the site extends to 4.7 acres and an unnamed purchaser has come forward. The council has now agreed to dispose of the freehold interest and proceeds are due to be reinvested in Rushall Primary.

It is expected to be one of a number of residential developments around the borough, subject to funds being secured and subject to Secretary of State consent.

A report to regeneration chief, Councillor Adrian Andrew, said: "The school buildings have been demolished. The council has no alternative use for the site and, as such, the site has been declared surplus to the council's requirements."

"The sale of the site will enable the regeneration of a derelict site which will deter anti-social behaviour and will release the council from maintenance obligations."

It added: "The proposed purchaser is submitting a bid to the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) for grant funding for the development of affordable housing within the borough."

It was also recently agreed the former Brownhills Market will also be sold off by council bosses - paving the way for up to 40 homes to be built. The project in Silver Street is being run by Walsall Housing Group and follows latest plans for a further 157 homes at the adjacent Silver Court Garden.

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Foodbank deliveries received

KIND shoppers have donated trolley-loads of food for the Walsall North Foodbank in Pelsall.

Volunteers from the Trussell Trust foodbank spent three days collecting donations from shoppers at Tesco Brownhills as part of their campaign to fill the shelves with two tons of long-life goods for when it opens at Pelsall Methodist Church next month.

A certificate of thanks has also been issued to a local business that has supported the new facility in Chapel Street.

Carpets Direct donated flooring material for the foodbank and fitted it free of charge.

Anyone who wants to donate food or can volunteer at the foodbank, which will open on Tuesdays and Fridays, should telephone Rev Rob Farmer at St Mark's Church on 01922 692550.

Long service is recognised

HEALTH workers have been recognised for a combination of more than 2,600 years service.

A total of 120 staff at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust celebrated clocking up 20, 30 or 40 years' service.

Chief executive Richard Kirby said: "To work 20, 30 or 40 years for any organisation is a great achievement but to work for that amount of time in the NHS shows a great amount of dedication."

FOCUS ON PELSALL

Village artists shine with new Sainsbury's artwork

IT measures eight metres tall and weighs two tons and was created by Pelsall-based artists Planet Art.

This stunning stainless steel artwork was unveiled recently at Wolverhampton's new £60 million Sainsbury's superstore, and came a few days ahead of the new store's official opening last Wednesday.

Excitement leading up to the stores opening was mounting when bosses whetted the appetite of potential customers for the new Sainsbury's by taking the wraps off the public artwork which is at the heart of the Raglan Street site.

It has been called Out of Darkness Cometh Light – the city's motto.

Paul Percox, manager of the new store, said: "We are delighted with this fantastic piece of artwork which will really help put our new store, and the wider development, on the map."

Artist Julie Edwards, of Planet Art, said: "This is such an exciting development for Wolverhampton and we are very proud to be involved. Being local people, it was of the upmost importance to produce a piece of art which the local community and visitors to the area can enjoy and I hope this is what we have achieved."

"We took inspiration from Wolverhampton's motto Out of Darkness Cometh

by Catherine Dalton

Light, which also reflects the journey of the site from being derelict and depressing to the transformation we see today. The piece captures the history of Wolverhampton and some of its landmark buildings, with the birds symbolising hope for the future and a new era for the area."

Julie and fellow artist Ron Thompson have been working together for the past 20 years. They specialise in the consultation, design/making, installation of public art works for a variety of clients which to date have included councils across.

Julie explained: "All the public art pieces involve community engagement, research, design workshops and consultation. Many of the projects form part of a larger regeneration masterplan. Consideration for surrounding architecture, landscape is always paramount."



Artists Ron Thompson and Julie Edwards among the admirers of the 'Out of Darkness Cometh Light' work

Wild side at centre for event

VISITORS to a garden centre will take a walk on the wild side when it hosts a wildlife experts' day.

Wheats Bioblitz will be at WM Wheat & Son Garden Centre, in Chester Road, Aldridge on August 16. Attractions in the wildlife area will include a bird ringing demonstration, newt and moth identification and mini-beast hunting.

The free event will run from 8am to 2pm. A number of experts will be out in the grounds to lay mammal traps and newt traps at various locations around the site.

Visitors will be given an opportunity to help collect insects. Members of the public are invited to take part in the recovery of the mammal traps, but for this activity participants must arrive by at 8am.

More details are on www.wheatwildlife.co.uk

Alert over dog mess

FRESH concerns have been raised about dog mess blighting parts of Willenhall.

Residents in New Invention and Short Heath have highlighted the issue with members of the Liberal Democrats Focus Team.

Councillor Ian Shires said: "Bag and Bin It should be the maxim of all dog owners. Chucking up into trees or over hedges won't do. If you are caught it could cost you a maximum fine of £1,000."

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CHOICE



Alex Jones, Fred MacAulay and Ricky Wilson
Live at Edinburgh Castle (BBC1, 8.30pm)
Ahead of Wednesday's opening ceremony for the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Alex Jones presents this star-studded concert in front of one of Scotland's most famous landmarks. Edinburgh Castle is the backdrop as a wide range of musical acts perform on stage, including soul legend Smokey Robinson, indie rockers Kaiser Chiefs, 1980s survivors Culture Club, torch singer Paloma Faith, pop-rock band OneRepublic, rap duo Rizzle Kicks and 2012 X Factor finalist Ella Henderson. For those who prefer something a little more classical, the line-up also includes operatic quartet Il Divo, mezzo Katherine Jenkins and West End star Alfie Boe. The music will be interspersed with comedy, courtesy of Bill Bailey and Fred MacAulay.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Golf: The Open Championship. **12.00 BBC News:** Weather. **12.10 Golf:** The Open Championship. Live coverage from Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake. **5.25 Formula 1:** German Grand Prix – Qualifying. Suzi Perry presents action from the battle for pole position in the 10th round of the season at the Hockenheimring. The German Grand Prix alternates hosting duties each year with the Nurburgring, and was last held here in 2012, when Fernando Alonso claimed the position at the front of the starting grid, and went on to win the race. With commentary by Ben Edwards and David Coulthard.
6.40 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.
7.00 A Question of Sport: Super Saturday. Jason Manford hosts the game show, with singer Pixie Lott, presenter Helen Skelton, comedian and actor Terry Alderton and Citizen Khan star Adil Ray taking part. Last in the series.
7.40 The National Lottery: Break the Safe. Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which three pairs of contestants answer two-part questions for the chance to play for the money in the safe, with the amount depending on how much they have earned in the previous rounds. This week's contestants are two best friends, a mother and son and a couple who claim to be the perfect pairing. Including the Lotto and Thunderball draws, presented by Kate Garraway.
8.30 Live at Edinburgh Castle. Alex Jones presents this concert to celebrate the Commonwealth Games, featuring Kaiser Chiefs, Smokey Robinson, Culture Club, Paloma Faith, Katherine Jenkins and OneRepublic.
10.30 BBC News: Weather; National Lottery Update.
10.50 Film: Shanghai Knights. (2003) Chinese sheriff Chon Wang and reformed bandit Roy O'Bannon head for Victorian London on the trail of a murderer. Their investigation leads them to a nefarious Englishman plotting to kill the royal family – but fortunately Chon's talented sister comes to their aid. Martial arts comedy sequel, with Jackie Chan, Owen Wilson, Aidan Gillen and Fann Wong.
12.35 Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.40 BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00 This is BBC Two. **6.10 Film:** The Falcon Takes Over (1942) **7.15 Film:** The Falcon's Brother (1942) **8.15 The Living Planet.** (R) **9.10 Fred Dibnah's Industrial Age.** (R) **9.40 Great British Railway Journeys.** (R) **10.10 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** (R) **11.40 Food & Drink.** (R) **12.10 Rick Stein's Spain.** (R) **1.10 Peter O'Toole:** Talking Pictures. **2.00 Film:** Becket. (1964) Historical drama, starring Richard Burton and Peter O'Toole. **4.25 Hive Alive.** (R) **5.25 Golf:** The Open Championship. Live coverage from Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake.
7.45 Flag III The team heads to Tatton Park in Cheshire, where Anita Manning values 50 silver ingots and Mark Stacey finds a cigarette case brought back from the First World War. David Fletcher is enthused about a Victorian music box in need of restoration, while Paul Martin visits Liverpool to explore the role played by people from the city in the Battle of the Atlantic during the Second World War.
8.30 Dad's Army. Warden Hodges challenges Captain Mainwaring's platoon to a cricket match. Featuring a guest appearance by former England and Yorkshire fast bowler Fred Trueman. (R)
9.00 The Men Who Made Us Spend. Jacques Peretti examines how fear remains one of the most powerful drivers of people's spending, hearing from a consumer psychologist about how the brain is much more responsive to negative than positive stimuli. He also meets experts who have helped manufacturers make billions of pounds from human anxieties and insecurities, including French anthropologist Clotaire Rapaille, whose insights have aided companies' efforts to sell everything from SUVs to cigarettes. In Las Vegas, he mingles with doctors and businessmen attending a global conference aimed at promoting ways to stay youthful – and challenges them to justify their claims.
10.00 Film: Zodiac: The Director's Cut. (2007) Fact-based crime thriller following the hunt for a serial killer who terrorised San Francisco in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Robert Downey Jr.
12.35 Film: Keeping Up with the Steins. (2006) **2.00** This is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITY: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25 Dino Dan.** (R) **6.35 Dino Dan.** (R) **6.50 Animals.** (R) **7.00 Animals.** (R) **7.05 Sooty.** (R) **7.20 Digimon Fusion.** (R) **7.45 Mr Bean:** The Animated Series. (R) **8.00 Adventure Time.** **8.25 ITV News.** **8.30 Weekend.** **9.25 The Hungry Sailors.** (R) **10.25 Murder, She Wrote.** (R) **11.20 ITV News:** Weather. **11.30 Storage Hoarders.** (R) **12.30 All Star Mr & Mrs.** (R) **1.30 Dinner Date.** (R) **2.30 All Star Family Fortunes.** (R) **3.15 Film:** Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure. (1989) Time-travel comedy, starring Keanu Reeves and Alex Winter.
5.00 Film: Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed. (2004) Comedy adventure sequel, with Sarah Michelle Gellar.
6.35 Regional Programme: Weather.
6.45 ITV News: Weather.
7.00 You've Been Framed! Surreal comedy from Harry Hill, inspired by viewers' home videos. (R)
7.30 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. Breakfast TV presenter Lorraine Kelly, former England cricketer Phil Tufnell and Coronation Street actor Ryan Thomas (builder Jason Grimshaw) use knowledge, skill and tactics to win turns on the arcade-style token-pushing machine. Dropping counters down a choice of four chutes, the celebrity contestants hope to knock piles of them off a moving shelf – and the more they collect, the better their chances of scooping the £20,000 prize for a charity of their choice. Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard.
8.30 Film: Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace. (1999) Jedi Knights Obi-Wan Kenobi and Qui-Gon Jinn are instructed to protect Queen Amidala when her planet is invaded. Escorting her away from danger, they meet gifted youngster Anakin Skywalker, who seems ideally suited to join the pair's order – but is unaware of just how powerful he could become. Sci-fi prequel, starring Liam Neeson, Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman and Ray Park.
11.00 ITV News: Weather.
11.15 Film: Predator 2. (1990) A tough cop investigating a series of gruesome murders discovers it's the work of an alien that kills for sport. Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Danny Glover and Bill Paxton.
1.05 Utopia. (R) **3.05 Hollyoaks.** (R) **5.15 River Cottage Veg.** (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Hoobs. (R) **6.30 Trans World Sport.** **7.30 The Grid.** **8.00 The Morning Line.** **9.00 Frasier.** (R) **9.30 Frasier.** (R) **10.05 Deal or No Deal.** (R) **11.00 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **11.30 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **12.00 The Simpsons.** (R) **12.30 The Tomorrow People.** **1.30 Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Newbury, Newmarket and Market Rasen.
4.10 Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **5.10 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **5.40 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **5.40 Come Dine with Me.** (R)
6.15 Come Dine with Me. Hypnotherapist Russell Stubbs hosts the final party in Crewe and Nantwich, Cheshire, hoping to impress his guests with a rock-night theme. (R)
6.40 Channel 4 News.
7.05 The Restoration Man. Architect George Clarke joins Keith McIntyre and his wife Sheena as they seek to convert a listed, Thomas Telford-designed church on the Outer Hebrides island of Berneray into a holiday home and artists' retreat. (R)
8.00 Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud follows the progress of Mimi and Andre d'Costa, who have moved to the Kent countryside to bring up their two children. They have a large plot of land and want to build a house that will be functional enough to serve their young family, but will also blend in with the beautiful landscape. They turn to architect Nick Eldridge, who designs a simple modular home using state-of-the-art materials and technologies. (R)
9.00 Film: Rise of the Planet of the Apes. (2011) Premiere. A scientist carries out genetic experiments on apes, hoping to find a cure for Alzheimer's disease. A chimpanzee used in the tests develops superior intelligence and becomes outraged at the human race's cruel treatment of his kind, forming his fellow primates into an army to overthrow mankind. Sci-fi thriller, starring James Franco, Freida Pinto and Andy Serkis.
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CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00 Access.** **10.10 The Dog Rescuers** with Alan Davies. (R) **11.10 Big Brother: Eviction.** (R) **12.40 Criminals:** Caught on Camera. (R) **1.05 NCIS:** The Port-to-Port Killer. (R) **2.05 NCIS:** The Port-to-Port Killer. (R) **3.05 Film:** Hell Boats. (1970) Second World War drama, starring James Franciscus.
4.55 Film: Operation Pacific. (1951) Second World War adventure, starring John Wayne.
7.00 Cricket on 5. England v India. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the third day of the Second Test at Lord's, as the five-match series continued.
7.55 5 News Weekend.
8.00 Holiday Love Rats Exposed. Documentary telling the stories of Brits who have been conned out of tens of thousands of pounds and left broken-hearted by people preying on single holiday-makers looking for love. Jeannette was swept off her feet by Rudiger in Sorrento, Italy, and over the next nine months spent £20,000 on him, only to discover he was wanted in several countries for duping women. Jane met Nigerian Michael in a Gambian nightclub and during their brief marriage gave him so much money she ended up bankrupt – unaware he was already in a long-term relationship. (R)
9.00 Big Brother. Highlights of another 24 hours in the Big Brother house, including coverage of the latest eviction as seen from the point of view of the contestants, who share their diary-room thoughts on their recently departed friend – or enemy. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.
10.00 Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole. The stories of Roma people who moved to the UK and are now surviving on benefits, including a man who lost both legs in an accident when he was seven. (R)
11.00 Big Brother's Bit on the Psych. Ryan Clark and Iain Lee present analysis of the housemates' behaviour, with input from psychologists and body-language experts.
12.00 SuperCasino. **3.10 Webcam Girls:** At Your Service. (R) **4.00 Great Scientists.** (R) **4.25 Make It Big.** (R) **4.50 The Funky Valley Show.** (R) **5.00 Angels of Jarm.** (R) **5.10 Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **5.20 Angels of Jarm.** (R) **5.30 The Funky Valley Show.** (R) **5.40 Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes – Not in 3D **7.15** Don't Tell the Bride **8.15 Film:** Proposal (2009) **10.00** Family Guy **12.20** American Dad! **1.45** Russell Howard's Good News **2.15** Badtuts **3.45** Great Movie Mistakes – Not in 3D **4.00** Close
BBC Four
7.00 Lost Land of the Tiger **8.00** Treasures of Ancient Egypt **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.45** Nat King Cole: Afraid of the Dark **12.15** The Sky at Night **12.45** The Final Frontier? A Horizon Guide to the Universe **1.45** Lost Land of the Tiger **2.45** Treasures of Ancient Egypt **3.45** Close
ITV2
11.40 Take Me Out **12.50** I Wanna Marry "Harry" **1.50** The Only Way is Essex **3.20** Film: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) **5.10** You've Been Framed Rides Again! **6.10** You've Been Framed **8.45** Film: Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (2005) **9.00** Film: American Pie (1999) **10.55** Film: The Matrix Revolutions (2003) **1.20** The Maguluf Weekender **2.15** Crazy Beaches **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen **ITV3**
12.20 Sherlock Holmes: The Sign of Four **2.35** Inspector Morse **4.50** A Touch of Frost **7.00** Lewis **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Bomb Girls **12.00** A Touch of Frost **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping **ITV4**
11.00 Tour de France Highlights **12.00** Tour de France Live. Stage 14 from Grenoble to Risoul. **3.40** Highway Patrol **4.55** Alias Smith and Jones **6.00** Storage Wars **7.00** Tour de France Highlights **8.00** Film: Dr No (1962) **10.20** Film: Total Recall (1990) **12.35** Police, Camera, Action! **1.05** Tour de France Highlights **2.05** Alias Smith and Jones **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30** The Store **5.30** Teleshopping
E4
11.00 Rude(ish) Tube **12.00** The Big Bang Theory **2.00** How I Met Your Mother **7.00** Goodbye How I Met Your Mother **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** The 100 **9.00** Film: Beverly Hills Cop III (1994) **11.10** The Big Bang Theory **12.10** Rude Tube **1.15** 2 Broke Girls **1.45** How I Met Your Mother **2.35** The Ricky Gervais Show **4.00** Glee **4.54** Desperate Housewives
Film4
11.00 That Riviera Touch (1966) **1.00** Romancing the Stone (1984) **3.05** Escape from the Planet of the Apes (1971) **5.00** The Spiderwick Chronicles (2008) **6.55** X-Men: The Last Stand (2006) **9.00** Bridesmaids (2011) **11.25** Shallow Grave (1994) **1.15** The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning (2006) **3.10** Close

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The Mill (Channel 4, 8pm)
The catchphrase 'trouble at t'mill' may have been coined back in 1967 on the early John Thaw series Inheritance, but it might as well have been created purely for this show, which began last year – for not only is it centred around a mill, but there's also frequently trouble at it. As the 19th-century period drama returns for a second run, that trouble takes the form of the Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834, which has led to desperate economic migrants from the South arriving at Quarry Bank in search of jobs. The workers in Styal village are concerned that the arrival of these impoverished families will drive down everyone's wages, and the impact of the new legislation hits home for apprentice Esther.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 Fast Times. 11.30 Golf: The Open Championship. 12.00 BBC News; Weather. 12.10 Golf: The Open Championship. Hazel Irvine introduces further live coverage of the fourth and final day at Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake, where the 143rd staging of the Major concludes. With commentary by Peter Alliss, Ken Brown, Andrew Cotter, Mark James, Phil Parkin, Maureen Madill, Scott Drummond and Frank Nobilo, and reports by Dan Walker. Subsequent programmes are subject to change.

7.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

7.20 Countryfile. The team helps John Craven mark 25 years on the show with items close to his heart, touching on organic farming, endangered species and the joy of driving through the countryside.

8.10 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team pay the second of two visits to Wentworth Woodhouse stately home near Rotherham in South Yorkshire. Items include a special medal awarded for kindness to pit ponies, a valuable painted Georgian tea tray, a bible that belonged to Arthur Wharton – one of the first black professional footballers – and a rare Faberge egg, which proves to be a lucky gift.

9.10 Seven Wonders of the Commonwealth. A visit to natural beauty spots across the Commonwealth, including Milford Sound in New Zealand, Africa's Namib desert, Victoria Falls in Zambia and Fingal's Cave in Scotland.

10.10 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

10.35 Murdered by My Boyfriend. Drama about a teenage girl's romance with an older man who begins to dominate every aspect of her life. Georgina Campbell and Royce Pierreson star. Previously shown on BBC3.

11.35 Film: The Greatest Game Ever Played. (2005) A determined American working-class golfer overcomes social prejudice and cynicism to compete in the 1913 US Open. Fact-based drama, starring Shia LaBeouf and Michael Dillane.

1.30 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.35 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. 6.40 Film: A Walk in the Sun (1945) 8.00 Monty Don's French Gardens. (R) 9.30 Countryfile. (R) 10.30 Golf: The Open Championship. 11.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 1.00 Rick Stein's Spain. (R) 2.00 Flop It! Trade Secrets. 2.30 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.30 Liffeline. 3.40 Songs of Praise. (R) 4.15 Film: Grand Prix. (1966) Motor racing drama, starring James Garner.

7.00 Formula 1: German Grand Prix Highlights. Suzi Perry presents action from the 10th round of the season, which was staged at the Hockenheimring for the first time since 2012. Fernando Alonso was the victor on that occasion, but seems unlikely to challenge again given the dominance of Mercedes drivers Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg this season. Hamilton has won this race twice, once on this track and once at the Nurburgring. With commentary by Ben Edwards and David Coulthard.

8.30 Dragons' Den. New series. Evan Davis presents the return of the business ideas contest, with Duncan Bannatyne having announced that this series will be his last. He is joined once again by Peter Jones, Deborah Meaden, Kelly Hoppen and Piers Linney to evaluate a selection of pitches, including a toe-tapping routine that sees the Dragons up on their feet. Plus, Deborah goes for a slightly unconventional jynride and Peter thinks outside the frame with an offer the Den has never seen before. Will anyone be able to secure that all-important investment from the panellists?

9.30 The Lancaster: Britain's Flying Past. John Sergeant examines the history of the Avro Lancaster bomber and examines how it was at the heart of nearly every vital British aeronautical mission of the Second World War.

10.30 Mock the Week. Ed Byrne, Milton Jones, Russell Kane and Zoe Lyons join regular panellists Hugh Dennis and Andy Parsons. (R)

11.00 Film: The Quiet American. (2002) A British journalist in 1950s Vietnam befriends an American aid worker, but suspects his new acquaintance is not all he appears to be. Drama, with Michael Caine and Brendan Fraser.

12.35 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) 1.30 Holby City. (R) 2.30 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITY: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. 6.25 Dino Dan. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan. (R) 6.50 Animals. (R) 7.00 Animals. (R) 7.05 Sooty. (R) 7.20 Digimon Fusion. (R) 7.45 Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) 8.00 Deadtime Stories. (R) 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Weekend: 9.25 May the Best House Win. (R) 10.25 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 11.20 ITV News. Weather. 11.30 Love Your Garden. (R) 12.30 Long Lost Family. (R) 1.35 Film: Columbo: Any Old Port in a Storm. (1973) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk and Donald Pleasence. 3.35 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.30 Tipping Point. (R)

6.30 Regional Programme; Weather. 6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show, asking three contestants to "see it and say it" as they try to guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues. After the first elimination, the two remaining players battle to reach the Super Catchphrase round, where one of them could win £50,000. (R)

8.00 Foyle's War. It's 1946 and although one war has ended, another is looming as the Iron Curtain falls across Europe. Foyle arrives home from America, where he is wanted in connection with a suspicious suicide, but MIS offers him a way out. The agency suspects Britain's atomic research programme has been infiltrated and wants to recruit him to investigate a Soviet spy ring that could be at work in the heart of London. Detective drama, starring Michael Kitchen, with Honeysuckle Weeks, Ellie Haddington and Dylan Charles. (R)

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 Testing Britain's Worst Drivers: Crash Course. Two of the nation's worst motorists come face to face with the consequences of their dangerous driving in a crash-test experiment. Jamie Theakston narrates. (R)

11.15 The Cube. Bubbly Teresa from Newcastle and family man Alan try to complete a series of increasingly difficult tasks in the hope of winning a jackpot of £250,000. Phillip Schofield hosts. (R)

12.10 The Store. 2.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) 3.10 Motorsport UK. 4.00 ITV Nightscreen. 4.15 Britain's Best Bakery. (R) 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Film World Superbike Championship. 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.55 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Frasier. (R) 10.00 Sunday Brunch. 1.30 Anniversary Games. Coverage of the athletics meeting in central London. 4.05 Couples Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.10 Channel 4 News. 5.40 Film: Hugo. (2011) Premiere. Family adventure, starring Asa Butterfield.

8.00 The Mill. New series. Return of the drama following the lives of factory staff in 19th-century England. Just four years have passed, but now the effects of the Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834 are taking hold, and desperate economic migrants from the South are starting to turn up at Quarry Bank Mill in search of jobs. The workers in Styal village are concerned that the arrival of these impoverished families will drive down everyone's wages, and the impact of the new legislation hits home for apprentice Esther, who discovers the beggar in the mill yard is her own sister, Martha.

9.00 Child Genius. New series. Return of the documentary following gifted youngsters taking part in a competition organised in association with Mensa to find the UK's brightest young mind. In the first stage, the contenders face two gruelling rounds – advanced maths, where questions are beyond many adults' capability, and memory recall, in which they have to memorise and mentally navigate four zones of the London Underground map. Aliyah's psychologist parents have devised a special training programme to give the nine-year-old optimum brain power, while piano prodigy Curtis, who has already completed the first year of a university degree at the age of 10, has been put forward by his mother and manager Hayley.

10.00 Film: Love & Other Drugs. (2010) A cynical womanising sales rep for a pharmaceutical company falls in love with a waitress who suffers from Parkinson's disease. Romantic comedy drama, with Jake Gyllenhaal and Anne Hathaway.

12.10 The Million Pound Drop. (R) 1.05 Film: Lady Chatterley. (2006) 3.55 River Cottage Veg. (R) 4.50 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R) 5.05 Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.25 Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) 6.25 Bubble Guppies. (R) 6.35 The Mr Men Show. (R) 6.50 Chloe's Closet. (R) 7.00 Milkshake! Monkey. (R) 7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 7.25 Make Way for Noddy. (R) 7.40 City of Friends. (R) 7.50 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 7.55 Little Princess. (R) 8.05 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.20 Milkshake! Bop Box. (R) 8.25 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 8.45 Rupert Bear. (R) 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 9.15 Jelly Jam. (R) 9.30 LazyTown. (R) 10.00 Power Rangers Megaforce. (R) 10.35 Power Rangers Megaforce. (R) 11.05 Meerkat Manor. (R) 11.30 Access. (R) 11.35 Big Brother. (R) 12.35 Film: Click. (2006) Comedy, starring Adam Sandler. 2.40 Film: Lost in Space. (1998) Sci-fi adventure, starring William Hurt and Gary Oldman. 5.10 Film: Big Momma's House. (2000) Comedy, starring Martin Lawrence.

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v India. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the fourth day of the Second Test at Lord's, as the five-match series continues.

7.55 5 News Weekend.

8.00 My Child is a Monkey. There are more than 20,000 people in America registered as private primate owners and this documentary tells the stories of a few of those who have integrated the animals into their families and are treating them like children. Sean has just adopted an abused monkey and worries that his pregnant wife and two children may be under threat from the animal's wilder instincts.

9.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks and bedroom chit-chat.

10.00 Film: The Book of Eli. (2010) A drifter in post-apocalyptic America battles a despot for control of a book believed to hold the key to mankind's future. Action adventure, with Denzel Washington and Gary Oldman.

12.15 Gangs & Guns: Caught on Camera. (R) 1.15 Super Casino. 3.10 Super Skyracers. Shanghai Tower. (R) 4.00 Great Scientists. (R) 4.25 Make It Big. (R) 4.50 The Funky Valley Show. (R) 5.00 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.10 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 5.20 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.30 The Funky Valley Show. (R) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Great Movie Mistakes 7.15 Film: Shanghai Noon (2000) 9.00 Family Guy 10.45 People Just Do Nothing 11.15 Family Guy 1.05 People Just Do Nothing 1.15 Slum Survivors 2.30 Stacey Dooley in the USA: Kids in the Crossfire 3.30 People Just Do Nothing 4.00 Close

BBC Four

7.00 Narnia's Lost Poet: The Secret Lives and Loves of CS Lewis 8.00 Scotland's Art Revolution: The Maverick Generation 9.00 Rich Hall's California Stars 10.30 Born Lippy: Mark Lawson talks to Jo Brand 11.30 The Joy of the Guitar Riff 12.30 Great Guitar Riffs at the BBC 1.30 Rich Hall's California Stars 3.00 Scotland's Art Revolution: The Maverick Generation 4.00 Close

ITV2

12.40 America's Got Talent 3.20 The Very Best of You've Been Framed 4.30 Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) 6.15 Film: Cats & Dogs (2001) 8.00 Film: Evan Almighty (2007) 10.00 The Only Way Is Essex 10.50 Film: American Pie (1999) 12.45 TV OD 1.10 Fake Reaction 1.50 You've Been Framed: A-Z 2.45 Teleshopping 3.45 ITV Nightscreen

ITV3

11.15 A Touch of Frost 1.30 Inspector Morse 3.45 Film: Housateller (1992) 5.45 Inspector Morse 8.00 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs 9.00 The Security Men 10.00 Film: The Portrait of a Lady (1996) 12.55 William and Mary 1.50 Pie in the Sky 2.45 Judge Judy 3.05 ITV3 Nightscreen 3.15 Emmerdale

ITV4

12.00 The Car Chasers 1.00 Tour de France Highlights 2.00 Tour de France Live, Stage 15 from Tallard to Nîmes. 4.30 Police, Camera, Action! 4.55 Magnum. Pi 5.55 Kojak 7.00 Tour de France Highlights 8.00 Storage Wars 9.00 Film: Jaws 3 (1983) 11.00 Film: Green Street (2005) 1.10 Tour de France Highlights 2.10 Richard Bacon's Beer and Pizz Club 2.50 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.30 The Store 5.30 Teleshopping

E4

12.30 How I Met Your Mother 2.30 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 3.30 The Mindy Project 4.00 New Girl 4.30 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 5.00 The 100 6.00 Rude (ish) Tube 7.00 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 Film: The Golden Compass (2007) 10.10 The Big Bang Theory 11.10 Rude Tube 12.10 Ben Earl: Trick Artist 1.15 Rules of Engagement 2.15 The Cleveland Show 3.20 Hollyoaks

Film4

11.00 The Virgin Queen (1955) 1.00 Mirror Mirror (2012) 3.05 The Last Minute (2007) 4.55 I'll Robin (2009) 6.50 Definitely, Maybe (2008) 9.00 Robin Hood (2010) 11.40 Lucky Number Slewin (2006) 1.50 The Scouting Book for Boys (2009) 4.05 Close

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The Secret Life of Walter Mitty, BBC2, 1.45pm
A bumbling dreamer is treated with disdain by everyone he knows. He retreats into a fantasy world to escape grim reality, until an encounter with a mysterious woman sweeps him up into a real-life adventure and gives him the courage to change his life for the better. Comedy based on James Thurber's short story, starring Danny Kaye, Virginia Mayo, Boris Karloff, Fay Bainter, Ann Rutherford, Thurston Hall, Gordon Jones and Florence Bates. (1947)

Tuesday
Yellowstone Kelly, BBC2, 2pm
A fur trapper lives in peace with the Sioux tribe near his hunting ground. However, the harmony is threatened by the arrival of a military force out to avenge the defeat at the Little Big Horn, as well as his own feelings for a woman they are holding captive. Western, starring Clint Walker, Edward Byrnes, John Russell, Ray Danton and Claude Akins. (1959)



Good Luck Chuck, Friday, Channel 4, 11.55pm

Wednesday
Jane Doe: Eye of the Beholder, Channel 5, 3.20pm
A series of robberies at an art gallery prompts former government agent Cathy Davis to investigate. However, the case is complicated when her sidekick Frank falls for the insurance investigator she is convinced is the culprit. Mystery, directed by and starring Lea Thompson. With Jessy Schram and Zack Shada. (2007)

Thursday
Fatal Acquittal, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A woman is put on trial for murdering her husband, but is found not guilty. However, she discovers her neighbours, the media and even her own daughter all still believe she is the killer, so takes matters into her own hands by trying to unmask the real culprit. Thriller, starring Joely Fisher, and Patrick Muldoon. (2014)

Friday
Good Luck Chuck, Channel 4, 11.55pm
A single man is cursed, so that anyone he sleeps with will find true love with someone else soon afterwards. The situation has its perks in the form of a stream of women seeking him out for one-night stands, but when he meets the girl of his dreams, he resolves to break the spell. Comedy, with Dane Cook, Jessica Alba and Dan Fogler. (2007)

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For months we've been told it's on its way and that it's going to be fantastic – well, at long last, it's time for Glasgow to put its money where its mouth is and prove that anything London can do, it can at least match.

Following the success of the Olympics in 2012, the city certainly has a lot to live up to, but Clare Balding, who will be on presenting duties for the BBC throughout the event, thinks Glasgow will do Scotland proud.

"It's amazing how much people are still talking about London 2012 and when they start talking about it they smile," says Balding. "It makes them feel warm inside and I think it showed the best of us as a country."

"I know that Glasgow will do the same, and the Scottish welcome will be warm and generous and enthusiastic. I just think it is a very good reflection of our ability to organise major events and stage them with humour and a great appreciation

of entertainment value, and to do so efficiently and always with the athlete in mind."

She will present coverage of the opening ceremony at Celtic Park alongside Gary Lineker and Hazel Irvine; Irvine also provides the commentary with Huw Edwards.

The Queen's Baton Relay ends here, and 3,000 volunteers take part in what promises to be a spectacular show.

Competitors from 71 nations enter the arena in the Parade of Athletes before the Queen herself officially declares the Games open.

Will she arrive by helicopter with James Bond, as she did during the Olympics? Well, we'll have to wait and see.

Although most of the action takes place in Glasgow, the diving is being held in Edinburgh, which has hosted the Games twice in the past.

One person hoping to make a big splash there this time is Tom Daley. "He'll be defending his title," explains Balding. "It'll be really interesting for Tom. There's been a lot written about

him, people questioning his motivation, his fitness, can he step up there? He's up against Matt Mitcham of Australia, who's his strongest competitor."

Balding will mostly be hanging out at the Tollcross International Swimming Centre in Glasgow, and will be keeping her eye on several swimmers, in particular Chad le Clos, the young South African whose father Bert made such an impact on viewers thanks to his emotional interview about his on during the 2012 Olympics.

"But there are some really strong swimmers from the UK, in particular from Scotland," claims Balding. "I hope Hannah Miley defends her medley title and then there's Michael Jamieson, who got the best result of all the swimmers at the Olympics with a silver medal. He's in there with a really good chance of getting Scotland's first gold in the pool."

Whatever happens, we're looking forward to 11 days of top-class competition, and hope a few more star performers become household names by the time the closing ceremony begins.



Commonwealth Games: Opening Ceremony, Wednesday, BBC1, 8.00pm

BEST OF THE REST

Monday
Food Unwrapped, Channel 4, 8.30pm
Kate Quilton heads to Calabria, southern Italy, to find out how bitter-tasting liquorice roots are transformed into sweet treats. Jimmy Doherty discovers that some popular varieties of mushroom are not grown in woodland or even outdoors, while Matt Tebbutt uncovers the nasty bacteria potentially lurking in bean sprouts. He learns that consuming his favourite East Asian vegetable raw could be as risky as eating some oysters, so heads to a factory in Northern Ireland to find out how they can be sold as 'ready to eat'.

Long Lost Family, ITV, 9pm
Sara Price-Parker, 44, decided to trace her birth mother Denise after the death of her adoptive mum, but her 25-year search ended in disappointment when she discovered her parent had emigrated to Jamaica in the 1970s. Sara is now turning to Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell as her last hope to establish contact. Pauline Wood, 77, always longed for a sibling to play with while growing up as an adopted only child. At the age of 28, she learned her birth parents later got married and had a son, but the quest to find her brother has gone on for decades to no avail.

Tuesday
Hive Alive, BBC2, 8pm
Chris Packham and Martha Kearney conclude their quest with Professor Adam Hart to explore the remarkable secrets of the lives and habits of bees. They discover how many of the tagged insects have survived over the frenetic midsummer week of nectar and pollen gathering and find out if they have collected enough food at this critical time to see them through the winter. They also investigate the deadly mating ritual of a queen and look at how bees can aid medical research, as well as how people can help them in return.

Wednesday
All Star Mr & Mrs, ITV, 8pm
Phillip Schofield is joined by Loose Women anchor Kaye Adams and her husband Ian, actress Sue Holderness (Only Fools and Horses) and husband Mark, and former Strictly Come Dancing professional Vincent Simone with his fiancée Susan. The contestants find out how much they really know about their other halves, and

the couple who give the most correct answers to a series of questions receive the chance to win £30,000 for their chosen charity. However, no one walks away empty-handed – the losing pairs each receive £5,000 for a good cause.

Thursday
Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year, Channel 4, 8pm
New series. George Clarke presides over the 2014 Shed of the Year competition. Accompanied by craftsman Will Hardie, designer Max McMurdo and architect Laura Jane Clark, he visits a range of extraordinary and eccentric builds vying for the title across Britain, from an intricate shell grotto created inside a Second World War bunker, to a 1970s amusement arcade. In the first edition, focusing on the Unique and Eco categories, he explores a giant replica of a teapot, a Titanic museum, a cinema room, a shed made out of 5,000 wine bottles, and an egg-shaped studio and more.



Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year, Thursday, Channel 4, 8pm

Diamond Geezers, ITV, 9pm
Hatton Garden lies in Holborn, London, and has been the centre of London's jewellery trade since medieval times. The area houses numerous businesses, from skilled jewellery-makers to millionaire wheeler-dealers. This bling-tastic documentary focuses on some of the biggest characters who call the place home, including Michael Lynton, who has been creating bespoke pieces for more than 40 years. Others making their mark during the programme are Steve, a sole trader who makes a living from buying and selling gold and travels the country in search of his next big item.

Friday
On the Yorkshire Buses, Channel 5, 8pm
A new school term starts and every bus in East Yorkshire Motor Services's fleet is needed, but a series of breakdowns means the engineers have their work cut out. Roadworks in Hull cause further delays and when passengers begin to complain, boss Peter Shipp calls a crisis meeting with his senior staff. Meanwhile, Scarborough drivers James and Steve go head to head in a sponsored eating challenge to raise money for a local hospice, tackling 12 burgers and a mound of fries washed down with milkshakes in just 40 minutes.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:											
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

- Very popular winter sports range (4)
- He takes an interest in star appearances (10)
- Regard as deliberate (8)
- Pattern print (4)
- A cape in S. America (6)
- Change put behind a mirror (6)
- Some offer is questionable in taste (6)
- He has the skills to make a suit (6)
- We are disheartened - or used to be (4)
- Reject an offer to prepare a bed for sleeping (4,4)
- One sportsman to be all for reorganisation (10)
- Swimmers feel strongly at heart (4)

Down

- Moving example of crazy reasoning? (10)
- Words of wisdom with a bite (4)
- The artist's sitting room (6)
- Gets on the stage (6)
- Tall trio producing Mexican food (8)
- Not working for nothing (4)
- Charming bore? Not exactly (6,4)
- She vainly seeks masculine attentions (8)
- Minor performers put on the bill (6)
- Something in the way of an athlete (6)
- The half that's better if we go outside (4)
- I'd turn about with calamitous consequences (4)

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Quick Clues:

Across

- Marrow (4)
- Illegible (10)
- Prisoners (8)
- Wealthy (4)
- Emergence (6)
- Caption (6)
- Contemptible (6)
- Young hen (6)
- Side (4)
- Misuse (3-5)
- Quadruped (4-6)
- Water jug (4)

Down

- Intangible (10)
- Chase (4)
- Herdsman (6)
- Bondman (6)
- Part-song (8)
- Network (4)
- Carriage (10)
- Always (8)
- Clothes-maker (6)
- Navigators (6)
- Squabble (4)
- Impolite (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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9	8	1	3	5	6	4	7	2
5	6	2	4	7	1	9	8	3
3	4	7	2	9	8	1	5	6

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Above; 8 Actress; 9 Elastic; 10 Aloud; 12 Laryngitis; 15 Good health; 18 Niche; 19 Tapioca; 21 Partial; 22 Canoe. Down: 1 Water-wagon; 2 Total; 3 Sect; 4 Catchy; 5 Straight; 6 Retorts; 11 Designated; 13 Athletic; 14 Concern; 16 Attila; 17 Wound; 20 Pact. QUICK - Across: 7 Noble; 8 Furious; 9 Enforce; 10 Emend; 12 Infectious; 15 Improbable; 18 Edict; 19 Confine; 21 Shudder; 22 Trial. Down: 1 Indefinite; 2 Abaft; 3 Seer; 4 Effete; 5 Oriental; 6 Boredom; 11 Disorderly; 13 Noontide; 14 Optimum; 16 Accord; 17 Rigid; 20 Note.

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LOT 9

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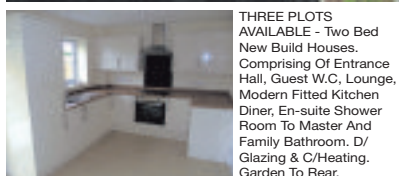
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Well Presented Two Bed Mid Terraced Property Having Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY OR BUY TO LET!

£69,995



CANNOCK RD, NEW INVENTION
One Bed Mid Town House. Comprises Of Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Double Bedroom And Bathroom. Outside There Is A Gravelled Garden, Allocated Parking Space And Garage In A Separate Block.

£85,000



REDWOOD WAY, COPPICE FARM
Immaculately Presented One Bed Ground Floor Flat Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Modern Fitted Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Rear Garden And Driveway.

£89,995



CHAUCER AVE, SHORT HEATH
Two Bed Mid Terraced Property Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Side Storage Area, Two Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing, C/Heating And Enclosed Rear Garden.

£89,995



TEMPLE RD, WILLENHALL
Three Bedroom Mid Terraced Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room, Ground Floor W.C And Family Bathroom. Garden To The Rear.

£89,995



BLENHEIM RD, SUMMER HAYES
Immaculately Presented Two Bed Ground Floor Flat Comprising Of Entrance Porch/Utility Area, Lounge, Kitchen, Hall, Two Bedrooms And Modern Bathroom. Outside There Is An Enclosed Rear Garden & Further Lawn Area To The Side.

£95,000



POPLAR AVE, BENTLEY
Three Bedroom End Town House. Comprises Of Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen/Diner, W.C And Shower Room, Double Glazing And Gas Central Heating. Front & Rear Gardens.

£99,995



LIME AVE, BENTLEY
Three Bedroom Mid Terrace House Having Lounge, Dining Room Fitted Kitchen, Separate Utility Area, Fitted Kitchen/Diner, Lounge, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, Majority C/Heating, Off Road Parking And Rear Garden.

OIEO £100,000



WYCHBOLD CL, NEW INVENTION
Well Presented Three Bed End Town House Having Entrance Porch, Hallway, Ground Floor W.C, Fitted Kitchen/Diner, Lounge, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, Majority C/Heating & Rear Garden.

£100,000



COLTHAM RD, SHORT HEATH
Well Presented Three Bedroom Mid Terraced House. Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Ground Floor Bathroom And Three Bedrooms. Off Road Parking To The Front And Garden To The Rear.

£100,000



LEACROFT, NEW INVENTION
Three Bed End Town House Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Lean-To, Two Brick Built Outbuildings And Family Bathroom. Off Road Parking To Front And Enclosed Garden To Rear.

£105,000



WALKERS FOLD, SHORT HEATH
Two Bed Mid Town House Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Lounge/Diner And Modern Shower Room. Outside Are Two Allocated Parking Spaces & Rear Garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN!

£107,500



THE CRESCENT, WILLENHALL
Modern Two Bed Semi Having Lounge With Open Plan Staircase, Kitchen Diner, Conservatory, Two Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Block Paved Driveway To The Fore Allowing Off Road Parking For Two Vehicles And A Private Enclosed Garden.

£110,000



WOODSIDE WAY, SHORT HEATH
Well Presented Two Bedroom Semi-Detached Bungalow Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Spacious Lounge, Fitted Breakfast Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Fitted Wet Room, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Enclosed Rear Garden And Front Garden With Driveway. Viewing Highly Recommended.

OIEO £110,000



BENTON CL, WILLENHALL
Extended Three Bedroom Town House. Comprising Of Entrance Hall, 27ft Modern Fitted Kitchen/Diner, 20ft Lounge, Study, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom And Separate W.C. Driveway Parking And Rear Garden.

£119,995



STUBBINGTON CL, PORTOBELLO
Two Bed Detached Bungalow. Comprises Of Entrance Hallway, Spacious Lounge, Sunroom, Fitted Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms Both With Fitted Wardrobes And Family Bathroom. UPVC Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Detached Garage And Driveway. Good Transport Links To Wolverhampton, Willenhall, Bilston & Walsall.

£125,000



RIDING WAY, SHORT HEATH
Extended Three Bedroom Semi Detached Property Having Entrance Hall, Lounge With Separate Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen And Shower Room. Outside There Are Front & Rear Gardens,ample Off Road Parking And Garage, Cul-de-sac Location.

£129,995



SANDRINGHAM AVE, W'HALL
Three Bed Semi Detached Property Having Entrance Porch, Entrance Hallway, Spacious Through Lounge/Diner, Extended Kitchen, Refitted Family Bathroom, Hardwood D/Glazing, C/Heating, Garage And Driveway.

£130,000



WILLOW GROVE, WILLENHALL
Three Storey Three Bed Town House Having Entrance Hallway, Ground Floor W.C, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms To The First Floor, Family Bathroom, Master To The Second Floor With En-Suite, & Garage.

£134,950



BASALT CLOSE, REDSDWOOD
Modern Three Bedroom End Town House Comprising Of Fitted Kitchen, Lounge/Diner, En-Suite, Fitted Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Front & Rear Gardens, Garage & Off Road Parking. Viewing Recommended!

£137,500



WHITEWOOD GLADE, W'HALL
Three Bed Semi Detached House Comprising Of Spacious Lounge, Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen And Family Bathroom. Gardens To Front And Rear, Driveway Parking And Detached Garage.

£137,500



WILLENHALL RD, BILSTON
Extended Three Bed Semi Detached House Comprising Of Entrance Porch And Hall, Two Reception Rooms, Extended Modern Kitchen/Diner, Utility Room, Ground Floor W.C, First Floor Family Bathroom. Generous Garden To The Front And Side. Off Road Parking & Garage. Enclosed Garden To The Rear.

£149,995



FRANCHISE ST, WEDNESBURY
Three Bedroom End Terrace Property, Entrance Hall, Three Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Ground Floor Shower Room, Family Bathroom And Hall Cellar. Outside Is Driveway, Garage And An Enclosed Rear Garden.

£154,995



CASTLE DRIVE, WILLENHALL
Four Bedroom Semi Comprising Of Entrance Porch & Hall, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Lounge, Dining Area, Utility, Ground Floor W.C, Additional Sitting Room/Bedroom Four, Three First Floor Bedrooms And A Modern Family Bathroom.

£159,995



PRINCETHORPE RD, WILLENHALL
Superbly Presented Four Bedroom Town House Comprising Of Lounge, Ground Floor W.C, Sitting Room, Modern Kitchen/Diner, Four Bedrooms, En-suite Shower Room To Master Bed And Family Bathroom. MUST VIEW.

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BIRCHTREE HOLLOW, W'HALL
Extended Five Bed Semi Detached Having Entrance Porch & Hall, Lounge/Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room, Ground Floor W.C, Additional Sitting Room And Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Driveway.

£160,000



SHEPVELL GREEN, W'HALL
Modern Three Bed Detached Diner Bungalow. Ground Floor Comprises Of Lounge/Diner, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom And Family Bathroom. First Floor There Are A Further Two Bedrooms And Second Family Bathroom. Outside Is A Detached Garage, Front Garden And Enclosed Garden To The Rear.

£164,995



ABERFORD CL, WILLENHALL
Five Bed Semi Detached Having Lounge, Spacious Kitchen, Dining Room, Family Bathroom, Separate Shower Room, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Integral Garage, Front & Rear Gardens. Cul-De-Sac Location.

£167,995



THE GREEN, DARLSTON
Four Bed Detached House Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Ground Floor W.C, Rear Hallway, En-Suite Shower To Master Bed & Family Bathroom. Rear Garden & Off Road Parking.

£169,995



BILSTON RD, WILLENHALL
Traditional Three Bed Detached. Comprises Of Entrance Hallway, Two Reception Rooms, Breakfast Kitchen, External Boiler Room And W/C, Three Bedrooms, Box Room And Family Bathroom.

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- Extended Five Bedroom Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Laundry Room
- Three Shower Rooms
- Annex with Kitchen
- Garage
- Large Rear Garden

In the Region of £425,000



**Westhall Gate
BLOXWICH**

- Highly Motivated Seller
- Four Bedroom Detached
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Home Cinema/Entertainment Room
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Laundry
- Utility
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

In the Region of £375,000



**Stafford Road
BLOXWICH**

- Extended Four Bedroom Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Extended Breakfast Kitchen
- Study/Laundry/Guest W.C.
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens

In the Region of £350,000



**Lichfield Road
BLOXWICH**

- Extended Four Bedroom Detached
- Immaculate Presentation
- Sought After Location
- Block Paved Driveway
- Garage
- Extensive Rear Garden
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

In the Region of £324,950



**Leigh Road
WALSALL**

- Extended Three Bedroom Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Extended Breakfast
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor Shower Room
- Three Double Bedrooms

In the Region of £320,000



**Fivefields Road
WILLENHALL**

- Extended Four Bedroom Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Guest W.C.
- Family Bathroom
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- Large Rear Garage

In the Region of £315,000



**Bealeys Lane
BLOXWICH**

- Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility/Shower Room
- Family Bathroom
- Double Garage
- Corner Plot Location
- Ample Off Road Parking

Offers in Excess of £230,000



**Stamping Way
BLOXWICH**

- Four Bedroom Three Storey
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Guest W.C.
- Master Bedroom
- En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Detached Garage

Offers in Excess of £219,950



**Ganton Road
TURNBERRY ESTATE**

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Three Further Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Tandem Double Garage

In the Region of £219,950



**Lichfield Road
BLOXWICH**

- Extended Three Bedroom Detached
- Extended Kitchen
- Two Reception Rooms
- Utility
- Guest W.C.
- Family Bathroom
- Garage
- Off Road Parking
- Double Glazing

Offers in Excess of £200,000



**Field Road
BLOXWICH**

- Four Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Fully Re-Furnished
- Two Reception Rooms
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Utility Room/WC
- Conservatory
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden

In the Region of £194,000



**Miles Meadow Close
COPPICE FARM**

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Guest W.C.
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Three Further Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Family Bathroom
- Garage & Off Road Parking

Offers in Excess of £190,000



WALSALL

Willows Road

- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge • Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Large Bathroom
- Double Garage
- Potential to Extended
- Large Rear Garden

Offers in Excess of £130,000



**Longwood Rise
WILLENHALL**

- Four Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- Garage
- D.Glazing & Central Heating
- Driveway & off Road Parking

Offers in Excess of £150,000



**The Hayes
WILLENHALL**

- Two Bed Semi-Detached Bungalow
- Large Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Double Glazing
- Central Heating
- Front Driveway with Off Road Parking

Offers in Excess of £130,000



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- Family Bathroom
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**Pattenham Close
WILLENHALL**

- Three Bedroom Townhouse
- Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Two Further Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Gated Development

In the Region of £145,995



**Lane Avenue
WALSALL**

- Extended Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Re-Furnished
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Cloakroom W.C.
- En-Suite Shower
- Bathroom
- Rear Gardens

In the Region of £128,000



**Chatsworth Close
WILLENHALL**

- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Family Bathroom
- Detached Garage
- Off Road Parking

Offers in Excess of £110,000



**Walkers Fold
WILLENHALL**

- Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Front & Rear Gardens

In the Region of £107,950



**Dryden Road
WALSALL**

- Extended Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Extended Kitchen/Diner
- Ground Floor
- Bathroom
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

Offers in Excess of £99,995



**Marlborough Street
BLOXWICH**

- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Cloakroom W.C.
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating

Offers in Excess of £95,000



**Deermead Court
WALSALL**

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Master Bedroom
- with En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Communal Grounds
- Allocated Parking

In the Region of £90,000



**Moncrieffe Street
WALSALL**

- Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Through Lounge/Dining Room
- Extended Fitted Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Courtyard & Garden
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

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Sandringham Avenue

- Extended Four Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Through Lounge/Dining Room
- Extended Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Family Bathroom with Shower
- Rear Garden
- Garage & Off Road Parking

In the Region of £179,995



**Marlpool Drive
PELSALL**

- Five Bedroom
- Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Newly Fitted Family Bathroom

In the Region of £295,000



**Mount Road
PELSALL**

- Four Bedroom
- Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen with Appliances
- Further Reception/
- Garage
- En-Suite Bathrooms & Cloakroom
- Conservatory
- Mature Rear Garden with Brick Built Shed

In the Region of £285,000



**Ferndown Close
WALSALL**

- Four Bedroom
- Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen with
- Appliances
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Conservatory

Offers in Excess of £240,000



**Leigh Road
WALSALL**

- Extended Three Bedroom Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Extended Breakfast
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor Shower Room
- Three Double Bedrooms

In the Region of £320,000



**Castings Close
BLOXWICH**

- Brand New Development
- Three & Four Bedroom
- Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Master Bedroom
- En-Suite
- Family Bathroom

Prices from £160,000



**Reedwood Lane
WALSALL**

- Three Bedroom
- Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Extended
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Extensive Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

In the Region of £159,950



**Wallington Heath
BLOXWICH**

- Two Bedroom
- Semi-Detached
- Through Lounge
- Fitted Breakfast/Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Fitted Wardrobes in Master Bedroom
- Conservatory/Utility
- Gardens

In the Region of £158,000



**Simmonds Road
BLOXWICH**

- Three Bedroom
- Semi-Detached
- Fully Refurbished
- Lounge
- Newly Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Utility
- Conservatory
- Bathroom with shower
- Gardens
- Garage & Driveway

Offers in Excess of £142,000



**Edinburgh Drive
WILLENHALL**

- Two Bedroom
- Semi-Detached
- Bungalow
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Family Bathroom
- Large Rear Garden
- Ample Off Road Parking

In the Region of £139,995



**Tenbury Close
WALSALL**

- Three Bedroom
- Semi-Detached
- Planning Permission
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge
- Shower Room
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

In the Region of £137,500



**Allens Lane
PELSALL**

- Three Bedroom
- Semi-Detached
- Through Lounge/ Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Large Rear Garden
- Front Garden
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

Offers in Excess of £135,000



**Oakridge Close
WILLENHALL**

- Three Bedroom
- Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Cul-de-Sac location
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

In the Region Of £134,950



**Coltham Road
WILLENHALL**

- Three Bedroom End-Terrace
- Large Lounge
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Allocated Off Road Parking

In the Region of £130,000



**West Bromwich Road
WALSALL**

- Extended Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Down Stairs Bathroom
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Bathrooms with shower
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

In the Region of £125,000



**Rough Brook Road
RUSHALL**

- Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Guest W.C.
- Family Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Double Glazing & Gas Heating

In the Region of £124,995



**Station Road
RUSHALL**

- Three Bedroom End-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Well Maintained Rear Garden
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Off Road Parking

Offers in Excess of £120,000



**Harden Road
BLOXWICH**

- Three Bedroom
- Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Ample Off Road Parking

In the Region of £120,000



**Bentley Lane
WILLENHALL**

- Two Bedroom
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Lounge
- Open Plan Kitchen/ Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Communal Grounds
- Gated Allocated Parking
- Electric Heating

In the Region of £110,000



**Red Brook Road
WALSALL**

- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Situated in a quiet Cul-de-Sac
- Kitchen
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Family Bathroom
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

In the Region of £110,000



**Star Close
BENTLEY**

- Two Bedroom
- End-Terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing

Offers in Excess of £80,000



**Cope Street
WALSALL**

- Three Bedroom
- End-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

Offers in Excess of £80,000



**Blakenall Lane
BLOXWICH**

- Three Bedroom
- Semi-Detached
- Potential to Extend
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Downstairs W.C.
- Shower Room
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Offers in Excess of £80,000



**Raleigh Street
WALSALL**

- Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor
- Bathroom
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Rear Courtyard & Parking

Offers in Excess of £80,000



**Terret Close
WALSALL**

- One Bedroom
- Top Floor Apartment
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Double Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Allocated Gated Parking
- Double Glazing
- Electric Heating

In the Region of £79,950



**Clarkes Lane
WILLENHALL**

- Two Bedroom
- First Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Family Bathroom
- Communal Grounds
- Double Glazing
- Gas Heating

£70,000



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- RE-FITTED THREE BEDROOM PROPERTY WITH BRAND NEW KITCHEN AND BATHROOM
- NEW CARPETS THROUGHOUT
- NO CHAIN, VIEWING STRONGLY RECOMMENDED!!

£94,950 OFFERS

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK



**LITTLE BLOXWICH
GRENELL ROAD**

- EXCELLENT FIVE BEDROOM DETACHED PROPERTY WITH EN-SUITE SHOWER,
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, POPULAR LITTLE BLOXWICH AREA
- CONVENIENTLY LOCATED NEAR TO LICHFIELD ROAD BLOXWICH
- ESTABLISHED REAR GARDEN
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED!!

£199,950 OFFERS

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**BLOXWICH
ELMORE GREEN ROAD**

- CONVENIENTLY LOCATED TERRACED STYLE PROPERTY THOUGHT IDEAL FOR FIRST TIME BUYERS
- TWO BEDROOMS AND UPSTAIRS BATHROOM
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS, UTILITY ROOM
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- NO UPWARD CHAIN! VIEWING RECOMMENDED!!

£84,995 OFFERS



**WALSALL
CHANTRY AVENUE**

- EXTENDED MID TOWN HOUSE STYLE PROPERTY
- THREE BEDROOMS, FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM
- LOUNGE, DINING ROOM, RE-FITTED KITCHEN
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM, DOWNSTAIRS WC

£89,950



**BLOXWICH
SIMMONDS ROAD**

- EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY SITUATED IN POPULAR LOCATION OFFERED FOR SALE WITH NO UPWARD CHAIN,
- THREE BEDROOMS, TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- GARAGE AND OFF ROAD PARKING

£134,950 OFFERS



**LEAMORE, WALSALL
BEATRICE STREET**

- TRADITIONAL STYLE THREE BEDROOM SEMI IN CONVENIENT LOCATION OFF BLOXWICH ROAD
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS • FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM
- GARAGE AND OFF ROAD PARKING

£96,500 OFFERS



**NEWTOWN
STAFFORD ROAD**

- PLEASANT THREE BEDROOM VICTORIAN STYLE TERRACE WHICH ENJOYS LOVELY VIEWS OVER LOCAL COUNTRYSIDE TO THE REAR
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- FITTED KITCHEN AND BATHROOM

£124,950 OFFERS



**BLOXWICH
BROAD LANE**

- SUPERB THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY IN POPULAR BROAD LANE LOCATION
- EXCELLENT CONSERVATORY
- 17FT FITTED DINING KITCHEN
- LOVELY ESTABLISHED REAR GARDEN
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL!!

£120,000 OFFERS IN EXCESS OF



**BLOXWICH
MILLFIELD AVENUE**

- PLEASANT GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
- ONE BEDROOM • MODERN STYLE RE-FITTED KITCHEN
- RE-FITTED MODERN STYLE SHOWER ROOM
- IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY! VIEWING RECOMMENDED!

£65,000 OFFERS



**LEAMORE, WALSALL
EAGLEWORKS DRIVE**

- WELL PRESENTED MODERN STYLE GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT WITH PRIVATE ENTRANCE
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PROPERTY OF THE WEEK



**WALSALL
LAVENDER GROVE**

- A SUPERB FOUR BEDROOM PROPERTY
- COMPLETELY REFURBISHED WITH NEW FITTED KITCHEN AND BATHROOM
- NEW CARPETS AND FLOORING THROUGHOUT
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- CALL NOW TO BOOK A VIEWING!!

£110,000 OFFERS IN EXCESS OF

MANAGERS CHOICE



**BLOXWICH
BROAD LANE**

- PLEASANT THREE BEDROOM END TOWN HOUSE IN POPULAR LOCATION
- 18FT FITTED DINING KITCHEN WITH OVEN AND HOB
- UPSTAIRS BATHROOM
- GENEROUS REAR GARDEN
- AMPLE PARKING
- NO ONWARD CHAIN!!

£125,000 OFFERS

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**BLOXWICH
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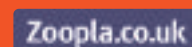
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PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

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EPC C



**WINDSOR WALK
DARLASTON**

- Extended well presented modern style end terrace
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Superb Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Refitted bathroom
- Two Double Bedrooms
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EPC D

**BARMOUTH CLOSE
WILLENHALL**

- Modern Style Detached Property
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- Re-Fitted Kitchen • Utility with Guests WC
- Three Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Double Glazing • Gas Central Heating
- Integral Garage • Gardens • No Chain

£170,000



EPC D

**HONEYBOURNE WAY
WILLENHALL**

- Modern Detached Property
- Popular location
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge • Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Gas CH • Double Glazing
- Garage • Driveway
- Corner Plot Gardens

£157,000



EPC E

**LUCKNOW ROAD
WILLENHALL**

- Modern style link detached
- Three good size bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Spacious lounge • Dining room
- Impressive conservatory
- Refitted kitchen
- Double glazing • Gas CH
- Superb Gardens
- Garage and driveway

£144,950



EPC TBC

**ROSEWOOD DRIVE
COPPICE FARM**

- Much improved modern semi detached
- Three bedrooms • Lounge
- Superb newly fitted dining kitchen
- Conservatory • Refitted bathroom
- Double glazing • Gas CH
- Block paved driveway • Rear garden

£160,000



EPC C

**TENBURY CLOSE
BENTLEY**

- Superb Modern Style Semi Detached
- Desirable Cul De Sac
- Spacious Lounge • Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms • Shower Room
- Gas CH • Double Glazing
- Driveway
- Delightful Landscaped Rear Gardens
- Planning Permission for Two Storey Side Extension

£137,500



EPC E

**TRENTHAM AVENUE
WILLENHALL**

- Extended End Terrace Property
- Spacious Lounge
- Large Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating • Double Glazing
- Driveway
- Excellent Size Rear Gardens

£137,000



EPC C

**BECCLES DRIVE
WILLENHALL**

- Improved Modern Semi Detached
- Lounge with Feature Fireplace
- Dining Kitchen
- Three Good-Size Bedrooms
- Bathroom • En-suite Shower Room
- Driveway
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System

£135,000



EPC D

**DILLOWAYS LANE
WILLENHALL**

- Extended Traditional Bay Fronted Semi Detached Property
- Through Lounge • Fitted Kitchen
- Superb Family Dining Room with Utility Area
- Three Bedrooms • Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Block Paved Driveway • Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System

£133,995



EPC C

**YALE ROAD
WILLENHALL**

- Modern Mid Town House
- Hall • Guests WC
- Lounge
- Improved Dining Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Large Space • Gardens
- No Chain

£121,950



EPC TBC

**LICHFIELD ROAD
SHORT HEATH**

- Extended Semi Detached On Popular Road
- Hall • Lounge
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bedroom
- Two First Floor Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Large Gardens
- No Chain

£120,000



EPC E

**JAMES STREET
THE MANOR, WILLENHALL**

- Spacious 1930's Semi Detached • Prominent Corner Position
- Three Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Lounge • Dining Room • Kitchen • Utility
- Large Gardens • Garage & Driveway
- No chain

OFFERS OVER £140,000



EPC B

**HOUGH WAY
ESSINGTON**

- First Floor Apartment
- Impressively Appointed
- Premier Cul-De-Sac Location
- Reception Hall • Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Allocated Parking Space
- No Chain

OFFERS OVER £110,000



EPC D

**ALBION ROAD
WILLENHALL**

- Spacious Period Mid
- Convenient Location
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Large Impressive Dining Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Large Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Rear Gardens

£89,950



REDUCED

EPC C

**KINGFISHER COURT
CLARKES LANE, WILLENHALL**

- Superb First Floor Apartment
- Hall
- Lounge with Kitchen area
- Double Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Secured Allocated Parking
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
- No Chain

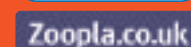
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NEW

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**COLLIERS CLOSE
SUMMER HAYES**

- Superb Extended Semi Detached
- Sought After Cul De Sac Location
- Four Bedrooms
- Impressive Lounge and Dining Room
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Luxury Newly Fitted Bathroom
- Garage
- Pleasant Gardens

£177,495

NEW INSTRUCTION

NEW

EPC TBC



**SANDRINGHAM AVENUE
WILLENHALL**

- Stunning Extended Traditional Semi Detached
- Popular Location
- Hall
- Lounge
- Spacious Sitting / Dining Room
- Superb Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Utility with Guests WC
- Three Bedrooms
- Impressive Luxury Newly Fitted Bathroom
- Driveway
- Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing • Gas CH

£165,000

MANAGER'S CHOICE

NEW

EPC TBC



**WOODSIDE WAY
WOODLANDS ESTATE**

- Superb Modern Style Semi Detached with No Chain
- Very Popular Location
- Large Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Two Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
- Garage
- Driveway
- Pleasant Rear Gardens

£135,000

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EPC TBC



**KEWSTOKE ROAD
SNEYD PARK**

- Much Improved Modern Semi Detached
- Highly Sought After Location
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory • Fitted Kitchen
- Newly Fitted Bathroom
- Double Glazing • Gas CH
- Rear Gardens
- No chain

£155,000

NEW

EPC TBC



**BEMBRIDGE CLOSE
COPPICE FARM**

- Superb Extended Modern Semi Detached
- Popular Location
- Superb Lounge with Dining Area
- Conservatory
- Impressive Breakfast Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms • Re-Fitted Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
- Garage • Driveway • Pleasant Gardens

£140,000

NEW

EPC TBC



**YORK AVENUE
COUNTY BRIDGE**

- Traditional Bay Fronted Semi Detached
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Garage • No Chain
- Front & Rear Gardens

£118,000

NEW

EPC TBC



**MOOSE LANE
WILLENHALL**

- Exceptional Much Extended Semi Detached Bungalow
- Three Double Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Lounge • Large Dining Kitchen • Utility
- Double Garage • Gas Central Heating • Double Glazing
- Extensive Rear Gardens

£190,000

NEW

EPC TBC



**TILDESLEY DRIVE
WILLENHALL**

- Extended End Terrace Property
- No Chain
- Spacious Through Lounge
- Extended Dining Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Shower Room with Separate WC
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
- Very Large Rear Gardens

£115,000

NEW

EPC TBC



**KIPLING ROAD
SHORT HEATH**

- Mid Terrace Property
- No Chain
- Large Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
- Rear Gardens

£85,000

NEW

EPC TBC



**LAKESIDE CLOSE
WILLENHALL**

- Back To Back End Town House
- Cul De Sac Location
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Double Glazing
- Front Garden
- No Chain
- Ideal Investment Property

£79,995

NO CHAIN

EPC E



**FARBROOK WAY
SUMMER HAYES**

- Extended Detached • No Chain
- Spacious Lounge
- Re-Fitted Dining Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Gas CH • Majority Double Glazing
- Pleasant Rear Gardens
- Garage • Utility with WC
- Driveway

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF
£169,000

NO CHAIN

EPC C



**NEWLANDS CLOSE
WILLENHALL**

- Extended Modern Link Detached
- No Upward Chain
- Hall • Lounge
- Family / Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Double Glazing • Gas CH
- Garage • Driveway
- Front & Rear Gardens

REDUCED TO £132,000

NO CHAIN

EPC D



**CEDAR PARK ROAD
SNEYD PARK**

- Mid Terrace Property
- No Upward Chain
- Hall • Spacious Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Garage
- Rear Gardens

£107,950

NO CHAIN

EPC D



**EDINBURGH DRIVE
SUMMER HAYES**

- Extended semi detached bungalow • Popular cul-de-sac location
- Two bedrooms • Bathroom
- Through Lounge • Dining room • Kitchen
- Double glazing • Gas Central Heating System
- Large driveway • Pleasant gardens • No chain

£139,995

NO CHAIN

EPC C



**RAVENSBORNE GROVE
WILLENHALL**

- Modern style mid terrace
- No Chain
- Lounge • Dining kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Popular cul-de-sac Location
- Allocated parking space
- Rear garden

£94,950

NO CHAIN

EPC D



**HALEY STREET
WILLENHALL**

- Mid terrace property
- NO CHAIN
- Lounge • Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Ground floor bathroom
- Part gas central heating
- Driveway
- Rear gardens

£72,000

NO CHAIN

EPC E



**ROSEHILL GARDENS
WILLENHALL**

- Much Improved Second Floor Flat
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Large Lounge
- Refitted Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- External Storage Area
- Communal Gardens
- No Chain

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Freelander Metropolis a class act

By John Griffiths

Land Rover has unveiled the most luxurious and best equipped Freelander ever – and despite all the extra kit it costs less than the previous flagship of the range.

And we know there will never be a better Freelander because the model is due to be replaced next year by the Discovery Sport.

Most manufacturers produce special editions during a model's run-out period, and in this case it's the £35,995 Metropolis which builds on the previously top-of-the-range HSE Lux with premium Windsor leather, electrically-adjustable seats, a panoramic sunroof, xenon headlights, a reversing camera, premium metallic paint, gloss black interior highlights and new 19in alloy wheels.

Launched at the Windsor Horse Show, it heads up a completely revised Freelander range, with new trim levels and power train options. It should boost Freelander sales at a time when the popularity of compact SUVs is still growing, as is the choice and sophistication of the competition.

That said, the Freelander 2 already has the advantage of being instantly recognisable as a product of the iconic marque, with styling cues taken from the Discovery and of course, the Range Rover. For many that makes it an object of desire, and does secondhand values no harm at all.

The 4x4 Freelander is a serious off-roader, but it's also roomy and comfortable everyday transport on the road: and in the case of the Metropolis downright luxurious. It's the ultimate Freelander, in a range which has been moving further upmarket with each successive revision.

Comfort

Driver and passengers can relax in the plush leather and in air conditioned comfort, while enjoying the same high-powered surround sound system fitted to top Jaguar models. A central colour touch-screen provides compact and easy-to-use controls for the satnav, audio and Bluetooth telephone systems.

It is, naturally, powered by the top engine in the range, the 190PS, 2.2-litre, four-cylinder diesel which can take it from a standstill to 62mph in under ten seconds and average a little over 40mpg.

The smooth and responsive automatic transmission is standard: you have to concentrate to even feel the changes which adds to the car's upmarket feel.

That feeling is echoed in the interior: not just the Metropolis extras but the styling cues on the instruments and controls which just scream Range Rover.

A previous makeover simplified the switchgear, removing for example the big 'Terrain Response' knob so that there's now just one switch allowing you to scroll through a menu of settings which govern how the gears, throttle and steering respond best in any given conditions.

Land Rover prides itself on the superior off-road capabilities of all its cars and the Freelander is no exception. But long gone are the days of the Series I's rough ride resulting from the necessarily beefy, long travel suspension. Now they have to compete with the comfort and ride quality of their less versatile rivals on the road where, let's face it, SUVs will spend most of their time.

The Freelander soaks up the bumps, with a smooth, sa- loon car-like ride while the engine is refined and quiet. High-speed cornering in a high vehicle like this inevitably means some body roll, but it's not enough to cause discomfort.

If the original Freelander was the baby of the range, the Freelander 2 is the teenager because it grew in all directions, so it's now not all that far behind its more expensive siblings in terms of room for five passengers. The 755 litres of boot space makes it useful family transport and by folding down the three rear seats you can extend that to 1,670 litres. The towing limit is 2,000kg.

Electric windows and mirrors, split/fold rear seats, rear parking sensors, and electronic safety systems such as dy- namic stability control are standard across the new Free- lander range, which consists of five models.

All are now powered by the same turbo-diesel engine, with three trim levels (including Metropolis) – the other two both come with manual or auto gearbox options. The new line-up starts from £27,765.

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The club is looking to start a reserve team, any players who are 16 before September 1 who want to play then the club trains on Tuesdays. Call, text or email Brian 07817785690 or 01922 701692 bc_simo@yahoo.com.

Lambert in talks with Swans' Ki

VILLA are closing in on Ki Sung-Yeung as Fabian Delph was linked with West Ham.

Swansea midfielder Ki reportedly held talks with Paul Lambert with the manager hoping to complete a deal this week.

Ki impressed on loan at Sunderland last season, helping them avoid the Premier League drop.

He made 41 appearances for the Swans after signing from Celtic in 2012 and would become Villa's first cash signing of the summer if a deal can be agreed.

The move comes as West Ham were linked with a £5m move for Player of the Season Delph, who has just one year left on his contract.

Meanwhile, Kieran Richardson has revealed his debt to Roy Keane in helping him turn his career around at Sunderland.

The Villa newboy, who signed a two-year deal on Friday, believes Keane is responsible for reviving him.

Find a Leitao says Marsh

WALSALL legend Chris Marsh says the club needs to find a new Jorge Leitao to make play-off dreams a reality.

Marsh, who made 497 Sadders appearances from 1988-2001, believes a player of the Portuguese star's calibre is what's missing from the current Saddlers team.

Leitao was bought from Feirense in 2000 and netted 71 goals for the club.

"We spent £150,000 on him, which was a lot of money for Walsall," said Marsh. "He scored a lot of goals. Someone of his quality, that is what we need."

Marsh also praised boss Dean Smith.

Promising pre-season performance

Gillingham 1 Wolves 3

IT was a pre-season friendly that explained why teams need pre-season friendlies.

But, 30 days away from the real stuff, Wolves are under way again and in a groove which became pleasingly familiar last season – leaving a good impression behind at some of the Football League's less-appointed venues.

An opening run-out of the pre-season schedule brought a comfortable 3-1 victory at Cheltenham Town fashioned by two separate XIs for each half which Kenny Jackett hopes is a signal of the increasing competition he wants to bring to 2014's League One champions.

Certainly, it was the second 45 minutes which held most interest to the 832 Wolves fans who gave up an evening made for barbecues to see what their team have got

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cooking for the new season.

In have come Tommy Rowe and Rajiv Van La Parra with former Peterborough captain Rowe instantly looking at ease in the new-look Wolves style Jackett developed last season.

His neat, economical left-footed game promises to bring quality to Jackett's mid-field options.

Van La Parra has been raising eyebrows in training and this was the first public viewing of his speedy wide game.

But perhaps the best moment of the evening – other than a nice little morale booster for Leon Clarke – came in the first minute when Nouha Dicko made a strong challenge on Cheltenham captain Lee

Vaughan and collapsed to the turf in genuine discomfort.

For a moment, it looked as if Wolves were off to the worse possible start especially as the absence of a like-for-like replacement for Dicko is the one weapon still missing from the armoury.

Gingerly but thankfully, Dicko eased his way back into the game and completed his allotted 45 minutes. It was a reminder of the tightrope on which the fortunes of teams can lie.

As for the goals, Wolves started with a penalty on 35 minutes after Troy Brown was guilty of a needless trip on Michael Jacobs. Soft but the right call – and Bakary Sako fooled Trevor Carson by giving it the 'dink' down the middle as the keeper dived right.

Within a minute it was 2-0 as Sako

reached the by-line and Dicko's presence of mind got him in position to touch the ball into the path of Dave Edwards. An assured finish followed.

Clarke's moment then came four minutes into the second half and was not without its symbolism. On his "second" debut for Wolves last season, he broke away from the half-way line but failed to finish cleanly, a prelude to a return to his first club which didn't go as he would have hoped.

Last night, a Identikit chance occurred – and he will hope the sure touch and composed finish with which it was executed is a sign of a happier time to come.

It was left to Cheltenham midfielder Matt Richards to claim the best goal of the night, however, when he curled a delicious free-kick over the wall and beyond Aaron McCarey on 61 minutes.

Jackett's squad get second win in the bag

Shamrock Rovers 1 Wolves 4

WOLVES continued preparations for life in the Championship with a routine 4-1 win over the fringe players and trialists of Shamrock Rovers.

The goals came from Leon Clarke – his second in as many friendlies – Liam McAlinden and Nouha Dicko.

Bakary Sako made it two successive penalties for the fourth goal, which was the same number of times fans' old favourite 'The Liquidator' was played.

And with head coach Kenny Jackett again opting to play first choice and second choice XIs in each half, it was intriguing to see new signing Rajiv Van La Parra catch the eye for the 'reserves'.

While the youthful 'shadow' visitors' defence is in its infancy, the flying Dutchman impressed as he used his pace to continually drive at the home back line in the first 45 minutes.

Comfortable

But Wolves had to come from behind to secure an ultimately comfortable second successive friendly win.

The home side settled quickest, impressive striker Ciaran Kilduff seeing a shot blocked by Kortney Hause.

From the resulting flag kick, Rovers took a ninth-minute lead when McCarey dropped former Leeds and Cardiff midfielder Stephen McPhail's set-piece and Kirk Millar tapped home.

Wolves, with debutant Van La Parra a driving force, gradually got them selves back into the game. First the Dutchman saw a fierce drive fizz just wide.

Then Leon Clarke was denied by a superb save by keeper Craig Hyland

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after the striker created an angle for himself when first-half captain Matt Doherty crossed from the right.

Leon Clarke levelled in the 24th minute following a lovely move. Doherty started it with a ball that split the defence for Liam McAlinden, who exchanged passes with Clarke to put him through before the latter buried a low effort to Hyland's left.

Four minutes later, Wolves went ahead, albeit in fortunate circumstances. There seemed no danger when Hyland collected a backpass, but he mis-controlled it and McAlinden was onto it in a flash to tap into the empty net from 15 yards.

Chances at both ends came as Gary McCabe saw a drive bounce just wide.

Dave Edwards skied over and Kevin McDonald saw a first-time snapshot tipped wide by sub keeper Conor O'Malley before Wolves made it 3-1 in the 70th minute.

It was a well-worked goal, Danny Bath charging up-field before finding Michael Jacobs and the midfielder spotted the run of Edwards on the left for a cross stabbed in off the post by Dicko. Wolves made it 4-1 with Sako from the spot.

Karate kid Pav picked to fight for England



Pavaneet Dhami, aged 13, from Willenhall and her sensei, Steve O'Gara

TEENAGER Pavaneet Dhami is getting a real kick out of life after being selected for the England Wadokai Karate team.

The Wolverhampton Girls High School pupil has been chosen to represent the nation in the European Championships which take place a month after her 14th birthday on November 1 and 2.

Pav from Willenhall, who took up the sport at the age of five, will be competing in the 13-15-year-old category. She will also be following in

the footsteps of Steve O'Gara, the 30-year-old who coaches her at the Willenhall Karate Academy which meets at the E-Act Academy in Furzebank Road, Willenhall. He is the European veteran champion and a former champion of both Britain and England. Pav, who trains between 15 and 20 hours a week, said: "I first started karate at the age of five because my mum and dad thought it would be good if I learned some self defence and got fit. It took a bit of getting used to but gradually I

started training more and more and now I love it. I was really proud when I heard that I had been selected for the England team. I am very grateful to my coach for all his help and my parents for their support in running me around to tournaments all over the country."

The European Championships which this year are being held in Reading, Steve said: "It was my ambition to train somebody to follow me into the England team and now I am delighted that I have done it."

Pawlicki leads side's hard-earned victory

ANOTHER spectacular performance from Piotr Pawlicki led Wolverhampton to a hard-fought 48-45 victory over Belle Vue in a thrilling Elite League clash.

The flying Pole – the signing of the season – was again in scintillating form as the Monmore men bounced back to winning ways. Yet they were again left frustrated as they narrowly missed out on all three league points.

It was a bittersweet night for Peter Adams' men as they recovered from last week's defeat against Coventry only to see their play-off hopes take another dent by more dropped points on home shale.

Pawlicki, returning from a shoulder problem which caused him to miss the Coventry match, displayed impeccable team riding to strike a big 5-1 with Jacob Thorssell in

heat three as Wolves made a strong start. He then surged around seven-time British champion Scott Nicholls to extend their lead to 10 after just five races.

A tactical ride win for Aces' No.1 Matej Zagar reduced the deficit, but Wolves reserves Tom Perry and Joe Jacobs fended off their Belle Vue counterparts to strike a crucial 5-1 and put the hosts 11 clear entering the closing stages.

Yet a fall for Ty Proctor saw the visitors produce a maximum of their own and although Pawlicki then snatched second from Craig Cook on the run to the line to limit the damage, he still entered heat 15 alongside Thorssell needing a 5-1 to claim all three points.

A fast start from Zagar left Pawlicki with work to do and he could manage only

second with his partner last. Skipper Tai Woffinden, suffering badly from fatigue, could manage only four points.

Wolves: Piotr Pawlicki 13, Ricky Wells 9+1, Jacob Thorssell 6+2, Joe Jacobs 6+1, Ty Proctor 5+1, Tom Perry 5+1, Tai Woffinden 4.

Belle Vue: Matej Zagar 17, Scott Nicholls 10, Stefan Nielsen 6, Richie Worrall 5, Michael Palm Toft 4+1, Craig Cook 3+1, Lee Payne 0.

Meanwhile Birmingham fans have been offered a hand of friendship from neighbours Wolverhampton and Cradley.

The Black Country sides, who both race at Monmore Green, have joined forces to offer Brummies season ticket holders free admission to both Wolves and Heathens home fixtures.

It means Birmingham supporters still have the chance to see Elite League racing as well as supporting one of their own, Paul Starke, who is Cradley skipper.

Wolverhampton owner Chris Van Straaten said: "We are deeply saddened by the closure of Birmingham and this is a small gesture on our behalf."

"Birmingham supporters are most welcome at both Wolves and Heathens meetings and it would be nice to think this is some way of retaining interest for them. As with everyone, we hope the Brummies will return next season."

Starke, meanwhile, says he would be delighted to see Birmingham supporters at Cradley. "The fans were brilliant to me at Birmingham and it's a very sad outcome," he said.

Rowe is the first casualty in friendly

NEW signing Tommy Rowe has become the first casualty of Wolves' pre-season – as David Davis looks set to leave.

Rowe broke his toe in Friday's 3-1 opening friendly win at Cheltenham and will be out for three to four weeks.

Barnsley are one of two clubs chasing midfielder Davis, who was the surprise omission from the 24-man squad who travelled to Dublin.

"Tommy broke the fifth metatarsal after a kick in the Cheltenham game and will be out for three to four weeks," said head coach Kenny Jackett.

"It's a blow but it's not as bad as it could have been."

"Declan Weeks is coming out here in his place – it's a one-for-one swap. He's 18 and won our academy player of the year last season. He finished last season very well and the coaching staff say he's started pre-season training in the same vein this time so it's a chance for him to impress."

Wrexham-born Weeks isn't the biggest in stature but is said to have wowed the Molineux coaches before and since returning to training.

As for Davis, it now looks like he is on his way out of Molineux.

King will ride out for his nation

BIRMINGHAM skipper Danny King has been named in Great Britain's starting line-up for their Monster Energy FM Speedway World Cup meeting this month.

The British side will face Australia, USA and Italy at King's Lynn on Saturday, July 26 – and King line-up alongside World Champion Tai Woffinden, former Brummies man Chris Harris and Simon Stead.

Great Britain boss Alun Rossiter said: "There's too much doom and gloom surrounding speedway and the British team in general, we've got the world champion in our team and in Harris, Stead and King they will represent their country with pride."

"Danny has experience and is a very good rider, he can score well at King's Lynn and I have great faith in his ability."

"He's had a tough time at Birmingham with everything that's been going on there."

Baggies look to seal deal

ALBION will make a fresh attempt to strike a deal with neighbours Aston Villa for Alan Hutton this week in a bid to fill another vacancy in the club's summer rebuild.

But Liverpool prospect Andre Wisdom has emerged as a rival target if the two Midlands rivals cannot agree terms over Scottish international Hutton.

He has been in virtual exile under Paul Lambert at Villa and the Baggies are ready to pounce as the 29-year-old reaches the last year of a four-year deal worth £35,000 a week.

But it's a sale Lambert might have welcomed six months ago.

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Ricketts' spot is to be earned – Jackett

WOLVES boss Kenny Jackett has warned Sam Ricketts to expect a real scrap for his place from Matt Doherty.

The right-back position became the most hotly-contested place in the team during last season's League One title triumph.

Ricketts ultimately emerged to dominate the role – but only after the impressive Doherty suffered injury.

Now that the Ireland Under-21 international is fit once again, Jackett expects the pair to battle it out in the forthcoming Championship campaign.

Yet Jackett doesn't reckon that pair will be the only contenders, with Ethan Ebanks-Landell and Kevin Foley also out to stake a claim for the traditional No.2 shirt.

"It is a big season for Matt and they have to compete and drive each other on," said Jackett.

"I hope Sam has good competition but he has the flexibility to play all along the back four, which is a good thing."

"Matt started last season in great form and I was very pleased with him."

"My first impressions this pre-season are he's come back fit and come back well which is good, so I hope there's that competition."

Khalsa prove to be four-ce

Darlaston Town (1874) 0 Sporting Khalsa 4

SPORTING Khalsa's first pre-season game under new manager Ian Rowe resulted in a 4-0 victory against a determined newly formed Darlaston.

Khalsa made a slow start to the game in a scrappy first half with the better chances falling to Khalsa's Bradley Lawley and Marvin Nisbett.

Khalsa started to control the game in the second half and took the lead through Kinch Mensah in the 56th minute. Khalsa were awarded a penalty five minutes later but Calum Cooper missed from the penalty spot. Mensah got his second in the 68th minute with a great solo goal. Chris Henry further increased Khalsa's lead when he coolly slotted the ball home then added a second and wrapped the game up.

Pool Hayes are athletic champions again

POOL Hayes Arts and Community School have been crowned Walsall Schools Athletics Champions for the second year running and third time in the past four years.

The Pool Hayes Athletics Squad won the first ever "Keith Read Memorial Trophy" (for overall Walsall Schools Champions), which was awarded by Mr Read's sister at Alexander Stadium on Thursday July 3 in honour of the popular Joseph Leckie Head of PE who sadly died last month.

Students trained exceptionally hard this year and are living proof that hard work and determination really do pay off.

Athletics

The third athletics title was attributed to a massive team effort, with boys teams on 161 points and girls on 162, the combined effort of all pupils proving the difference on a glorious sunny day of sport at Alexander Stadium.

From the 16 schools taking part, Pool Hayes pupils proved most consistent in track and field, following up their first place position last year with another win for 2014.

The medal winners were: Year 10 Girls Javelin – 1st **Katie Evans**; Year 10 Girls Shot – 2nd **Grace Holder**; Year 10 Girls Discus – 2nd **Katie Evans**; Year 10 Girls High Jump – 2nd **Harriet Bate**; Year 10 Girls 300m – 2nd **Rachael Howard** (Year 8 pupil); Year 10 Girls Long Jump – 3rd **Rumun Buparai**; Year 10 Boys Long Jump – 1st **Liam Haynes**; Year 10 Boys 100m – 2nd **Connor Styles**; Year 10 Boys 800m – 2nd **Luke Simons**; Year 10 Boys Javelin – 2nd **Simon Haddock**; Year 9 girls discus – 1st **Liz Tighe-Jones**; Year 9 Girls Long Jump – 3rd **Jade Pitt**; Year 9

Girls High Jump – 3rd **Amy Owen**; Year 9 Boys 400m – 1st **Steven Thompson**; Year 9 Boys 800m – 1st **Steven Thompson**; Year 9 200m – 1st **Bredon Fletcher**; Year 9 Boys discus – 1st **Ryan Mall**; Year 9 Boys shot – 2nd **Billy Grant**; Year 9 Boys Javelin – 2nd **Jack Hewitt**; Year 7/8 Girls High Jump – 1st **Demilee Rudd**; Year 7/8 Girls Shot – 1st **Dakota Oerton**; Year 7/8 Girls 100m – 3rd **Demilee Rudd**; Year 7/8 Boys 800m – 2nd **Joe Reynolds**; Year 7/8 Boys Discus – 2nd **Connor White**; Overall Positions – **Pool Hayes 1st, St Francis 2nd, Shire Oak 3rd.**

Smith is calling for goals

DEAN SMITH says goal-scoring must be a team responsibility for Walsall as his hunt for attacking talent continued.

After letting top scorer Craig Westcarr depart, Smith has increased his attacking options with the signings of Tom Bradshaw and Jordan Cook but is keen to add more.

"We want everyone to chip in goals," said Smith. "If we get a 20 goal striker then great but I don't want to put pressure on just one player."

"If other people are chipping in all the time it helps." Smith feels the week in Devon will be an ideal chance for new players to feel part of the squad.

That includes former Shrewsbury Town hitman Bradshaw, who has impressed the manager with his attitude.

"He (Tom) is one who caught my eye an awful lot," said Smith. "He has got a great hunger and enthusiasm for the game, that is something which struck me straight away."

"He is someone who always plays with a smile on his face and wants to keep getting better."

Sneekes earns first Pics win

Bilston Town 1 Rushall Olympic 4 RICHARD SNEEKES' first game in charge of Rushall Olympic ended with a win.

Mikey Nelson put the home side ahead.

Ryan Winwood pulled the Pics level and Carl Palmer, Stan Mugisha and Odane Barnes completed the turnaround.

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SADDLERS HELP TO BEAT DISEASE

THE Albion suffered the agony of a penalty shoot-out defeat to Birmingham City in the inaugural Club Legends Cup final.

The Baggies had perhaps been the best team across the tournament at Birmingham's LG Arena on Saturday night.

However, they were denied at the last by the heroics of

Blues keeper Maik Taylor, who saved one penalty and was presence enough to ensure two others missed the target.

But, as Darren Moore pointed out, the result was always of secondary importance on a night when the main focus was raising money for Cure Leukaemia.

An idea first floated during a conversation in a curry house ended up being a showpiece event featuring former heroes from the Midlands' six biggest clubs, watched by more than 3,000 supporters.

Disease

Midlands football has been closely linked to the disease in recent years with former Villa skipper Stilian Petrov and Toby, the son of former Wolves defender Jody Craddock contracting the disease.

The money raised on the night ran comfortably into the tens of thousands and the overall total well into the hundreds of thousands.

Yet while charity was the chief concern, the action on the pitch did not disappoint and there was plenty of excitement for supporters to enjoy.

There were unforgettable moments too for those fans

Football

who were successful in an online auction to play alongside their heroes.

One of them, Michael Rhodes, made a significant contribution to Albion's progress, scoring two cracking goals and was named Fans Legend of the day.

Lifelong supporters Sandra and Alisan Coley took charge of a team including Moore, Bob Taylor and Russell Hoult.

Event organisers Cure Leukaemia held a "snap auction" when it emerged Albion would be without a manager, mother and daughter Sandra and Alisan submitted the winning bid.

"It's been absolutely brilliant," said Sandra, 57. "It's such a wonderful event for a good cause, we were delighted to be here anyway."

Wolves supporter Jake Everley won goal of the day for a stunning strike against Walsall.

Walsall, managed by legendary boss Ray Graydon, were unfortunate to lose all three of their games but had the most vocal fans.

"There were a lot of Walsall fans there," said Chris Marsh.



Some of the Walsall squad who took part in the inaugural Club Legends Cup

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